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5 STATES ACCOUNT FOR 72% OF DIRECT TAX

MAHARASHTRA, KARNATAKA, DELHI, TAMIL NADU, AND GUJARAT ACCOUNTED FOR 72% OF DIRECT TAXES AND 53% OF CGST COLLECTED BY CENTRE, THE GOVT SAID

TOP 5

states contributed ₹14.2 lakh cr of the total ₹19.62 lakh cr collected in direct taxes

FIVE

southern states — TN, Karnataka, T'gana, AP, Kerala — contributed 25% to direct taxes and 27% to Central GST

The five southern states mentioned above received 15% from the Centre's divisible tax pool | P13

PER CAPITA INCOME

of six states Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh — exceed the national average of ₹1,88,892*

UP, Bihar and MP got 36% of tax that Centre shares with states. They contributed 5% to total direct tax collected by the Centre

* Source: Economic Survey of Maharashtra

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OPPN PROTESTS

Assembly nod for Greater B'uru Governance Bill

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@ Bengaluru

THE Legislative Assembly passed the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, 2024, on Monday amid opposition by BJP and JDS legislators, who staged a walkout alleging that the Bill to split BBMP into around seven civic corporations will lead to the destruction of the IT capital.

The House also passed the Karnataka Pawn Brokers' (Amendment) Bill, Karnataka Prohibition of Charging Exorbitant Interest (Amendment) Bill and the Karnataka Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill.

After participating in the debate on the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, 2024, BJP legislators clarified that they will support efforts to strengthen BBMP, but oppose its division, which they said, will result in Bengaluru losing its essence as being one city. They proposed to have commissioners for different zones of BBMP for better governance.

Leader of Opposition R Ashoka said the Bill is against the 74th Amendment of the Constitution and power will be concentrated with the CM, who is proposed to be chairperson of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), and not with the elected councils. P2

FIERY DAY ONE AS LANGUAGE ROW EXPLODES IN LS

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE three-language row hit Parliament proceedings on Monday as the Opposition parties and government clashed over the alleged imposition of the 'Hindi' language through the National Education Policy (NEP). House proceedings were adjourned for half an hour after DMK members staged protests over Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's remarks that the Tamil Nadu government was 'dishonest' on the issue of implementing the PM Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme.

Pradhan said the TN government took a U-turn on implementing the centrally-sponsored scheme, which envisaged strengthening the schools managed by central, state or local bodies. The minister said that the state government had agreed to PM SHRI scheme and several (DMK) MPs, who came to see him, conveyed this to him.

"But when they went back, they made a U-Turn. They are doing mischief with the life of the students. They are misleading the people and doing injustice to students of Tamil Nadu. They are undemocratic," he alleged.

Pradhan said Tamil Nadu CM

MK Stalin had also agreed initially but then "suddenly some super CM appeared and they took a U-Turn". The minister said there is still time for the TN government to sign the MoU on PM SHRI. "Today is March 10. We have still 20 days left in the month of March," he said. DMK MPs walked into the Well of the House and raised slogans. Congress MPs, too, stood up in solidarity, though they didn't go to the Well of the House. Notably, members from RJD, TMC and SP did not join the DMK in their protests.



Privilege motion

DMK MP Kanimozhi on Monday submitted a privilege motion against Pradhan, accusing him of 'misleading the House' by making factually incorrect claims

members of TN, the state government, and its people. "I withdraw my word if it has hurt anyone," he said. Following this, the Speaker said the word will be expunged from the records. Kanimozhi said Pradhan's claim that TN government had agreed to sign the MoU for the PM SHRI scheme but later took a U-turn was incorrect. P5,9

Govt directs IPL to ban ads promoting tobacco, alcohol

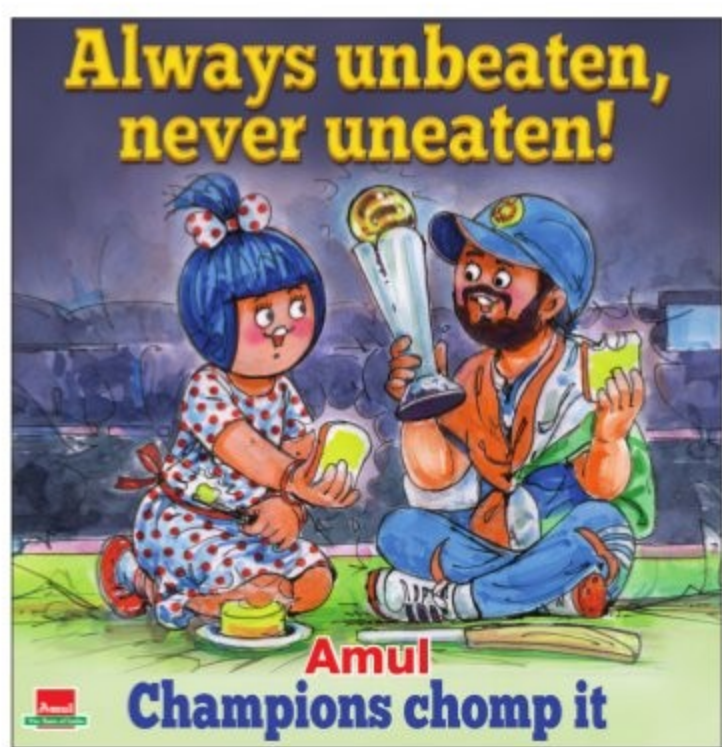
KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE Centre has urged the Indian Premier League (IPL) to ban all tobacco and alcohol advertisements, including surrogate promotions, within the stadium premises during matches as well as telecast sessions on the national television.

In a letter to IPL Chairperson Arun Singh Dhumal, the Director General of Health Services (DGHS), Prof (Dr) Atul Goel said, "IPL should strictly implement the regulations banning all forms of tobacco/alcohol advertising,

including surrogate advertisements, within the stadium premises where IPL games are held". He added it is their social and moral obligation to promote public health.

"Cricket players are role models for youngsters for promoting a healthy, active lifestyle. IPL, being the largest sports platform in the country, has a social and moral obligation to promote public health and support health initiatives of the government," Goel wrote in the letter dated March 5, which was also addressed to BCCI President Roger Binny.



Canada PM-elect to reset India ties

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

IN a big push to ties that had deteriorated during Justin Trudeau's leadership, Mark Carney, set to become Canada's next prime minister, has said he would work towards rebuilding his country's ties with India.

Carney emerged victorious in the race to succeed Trudeau as Canada's next prime minister, securing 85.9% of votes in the Liberal Party leadership contest. Ahead of the elections, the former central banker addressed the issue of US tariffs on Canada during a media interaction in Calgary, Alberta, as Washington and Ottawa find themselves at odds over the tariff threat and a looming trade war.

"What Canada will be looking to do is diversify our trade relationship with like-minded coun-



Mark Carney

tries," Carney said. "And there are opportunities to rebuild the relationship with India. There needs to be a shared sense of values around that commercial relationship. If I'm prime minister, I look forward to the opportunity to build that," he said.

Trudeau had claimed last September of "credible allegations" suggesting Indian agents were

involved in assassinating pro-Khalistan separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Surrey, British Columbia. Since then, ties between the two countries nosedived. India outrightly dismissed the Canadian accusations, and said "Canada shared no evidence." The fallout resulted in both nations expelling diplomats in a tit-for-tat exchange.

Carney had previously led both the Bank of Canada and the Bank of England and also headed the board of Brookfield Asset Management, which has invested in India's realty, renewable energy and infrastructure sectors.

Canada hosts one of the largest Indian diaspora abroad. An estimated 4,27,000 Indian students are studying in Canada. Closer home, over 600 Canadian companies operate in India.

EXPRESS INTAKE

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over: They'd paid for their seats before getting to the movie theater, which was — JUST THE TICKETS

K'taka raises red flag on tattoos after tests find 22 metals in ink

Most tattoo inks in the country imported without regulation

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

DAYS after laboratory tests on eight tattoo ink samples collected from various locations in Karnataka revealed the presence of 22 heavy metals, including selenium, chromium, platinum, and arsenic, along with residual solvents, the State Health Department has written to the Union Health Ministry, calling for urgent regulations on tattooing, including licensing for artists and studios.

Currently, tattoo inks are not classified or regulated under any specific rules as cosmetics. However, the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, defines cosmetics as substances applied to the human body to cleanse, beautify, or alter appearance. Since tattoo inks are injected into the skin for aesthetic purposes, the department argued that it should be classified as cosmetic and brought under regulatory control.

A major concern is that India currently has no standards for tattoo inks, and most of the inks used in the country are imported without regulation. The sterility of these inks cannot be verified because the presence of colourants makes it difficult to test for contamination,



the department wrote, adding that the investigation into the samples also found that a single container of tattoo ink is often used for multiple customers, further increasing the risk of infections. "The needles used for tattooing have been sent for sterility testing, and the results are awaited," the health department elaborated.

The test results have raised serious health concerns, the letter stated. "When tattoo ink is injected into the skin, pigments and heavy metals can enter the bloodstream either through the veins or the lymphatic system. These substances can accumulate in organs such as the liver, lungs, and kidneys, potentially causing long-term health effects. Additionally, studies have shown that many people who get tattoos experience skin problems, allergic reactions, fever, and even pus-filled lesions," the letter read.

The department explained that the investigation has also highlighted the unhygienic practices in tattoo studios. "Many parlours do not follow proper sterilisation procedures, increasing the risk of bacterial and viral infections. Several outbreaks of skin infections caused by Mycobacterium chelonae have been linked to tattoo parlours, often due to the use of non-sterile tap water. Tattoos are also a known risk factor for transmitting hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV when proper hygiene is not maintained," the letter added.

In light of these findings, the department has recommended that the Drugs Controller General of India should be informed of the test results and should introduce regulations to ensure the safety of tattoo inks. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) should set clear guidelines to control the quality of tattoo inks and tattoo inks should be included under Schedule M-II of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act to ensure strict oversight, the letter said, adding that until these regulations are in place, the sale of tattoo inks should be suspended to prevent potential health hazards.

Caste cert must be validated for quota benefits: HC

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THE Karnataka High Court ruled that even if Scheduled Tribe certificates are issued to the parents of a person, claiming the benefit of reservation, he/she should get the caste certificate validated so long as the caste certificates of the parents were not validated. "If the caste certificates of the parents have been validated and verified, then there would be no need for the children to get the said certificates validated. However, in view of Rule 9 of the Karnataka Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Reservation of Appointments, etc.) Rules of 1992, the process of validation of the caste certificate would have to be undergone, when the earlier validity certificate issued in favour of the parents could be placed on record for consideration," the court said.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order, while allowing the petition filed by Shravana Kumar D Nayak seeking to quash the order dated February 27, 2024, passed by the Director and Appellate Authority, Scheduled Tribe Welfare Department. The Appellate Authority held that a candidate, Meenakshi, who was appointed as assistant accounts officer by Gescom under the ST category, belongs to Gond and not Kuruba as claimed by the petitioner. Quashing the order, the court said even if a candidate produces

a caste certificate, such a candidate cannot be appointed without the verification of his/her caste certificate and a validity certificate issued by the District Caste Verification Committee. The court held that the SC/ST caste certificate issued under Section 4A of the Karnataka Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Reservation of Appointments, etc.) Act, 1990, is not conclusive and there is no presumption of validity attached thereto.

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Members of the Ghoru Banjara community raise slogans at an event for rights and transformation of their community at Freedom Park on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Sub-registrar causes ₹11 cr loss to govt, sent home

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

A Sub-Registrar based in Bengaluru was sent on compulsory retirement by the Stamps and Registration department for causing a loss of over Rs 11 crore to the government. The order was issued on March 6, after a departmental inquiry found Raghavendra Wodeyar guilty of causing a huge loss to the department when registering properties over 100 acres.

It has been just two years since Wodeyar joined the department after working as a Sub-Inspector in the Karnataka State Reserve Police, a source said. He added, "The exact loss Wodeyar caused while working as a Sub-Registrar at Kacharanahalli Registrar office (near Manyata Tech Park) has caused Rs 11,15,80,000. He did this by not collecting the Stamp Duty for the government, which is mandatory when a property comes up for registration. He has registered the 'Agreement of Sale' for five properties located in Yelahanka taluk Chikkajala hobli in 2022 in this fashion."

Inspector General of Registration and Commissioner of Stamps, K V Dayananda, told

SERVER BREAKDOWN, KAVERI SET RIGHT

The Kaveri 2.0 software suffered a breakdown yet again and went out of action since Thursday across the State. Public struggled to upload their documents on the portal in connection with property registration. A source confirmed the development and said it was set right

TNIE, "There are two kinds of property registration - one which says the individual is in possession (agreement of sale with possession) of the properties and another that says they are without possession. In case of possession, a stamp duty of 5% of the total property cost needs to be collected as fee. In case of non-possession, only 0.1% subject to maximum of Rs 20,000/- needs to be collected. The Sub Registrar has registered properties under 'possession not delivered' category," he added. The judge who carried out the inquiry has declared him guilty in three out of five charges filed against him, he added.

"We do not have documents to prove the nature of the offence. Hence, we have compulsorily retired him from the department."

IISc's LONGEVITY CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON HEALTHY AGEING

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TO discuss advancements in ageing science and longevity, the Longevity India Conference 2025 - Rise for Healthy Aging, was inaugurated at the Indian Institute of Science on Monday. The three-day conference brought together

scientists, researchers, and industry experts.

The first day of the conference, centered around the theme - Biological Foundations and Mechanisms of Aging, featured four key sessions on ageing research, biological mechanisms, lifestyle medicine, and holistic health approaches.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, IISc Director Govindan Rangarajan were present among other experts, who shared insights on ageing science, emphasising the need for innovative interventions to promote a longer and healthier life span. "Longevity is not just about living longer, but living

healthier and staying active. With good habits and medical advancements, one can remain engaged throughout life," Gundu Rao said.

During the event, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) extended support to the Longevity India Initiative at IISc to establish a Centre for

Advanced Research in Aging.

The day's sessions featured IISc researchers who presented groundbreaking research and Brian Kennedy, Director of the Centre for Healthy Longevity at the National University of Singapore (NUS), who stressed the need for translational research in longevity interventions.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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2		180049506278	Rs.1,48,640.00	34.70 gms

For further details contact Authorised Officer, Yadavanahalli Branch, The Oxford Medical College Hospital & Research Centre, Anekal Tq Attibele Hobli, Yadavanahalli, Bangalore - 562107 Ph-080-29919071, 9482921394, 9391800812 email-cb5911@canarabank.com

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Date :10.03.2025

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SUB: STOLEN CHEQUES OF RCF FROM CHEQUE LEAF SERIES NO. 625714 TO 625775 ISSUED WITH RESPECT TO CASH CREDIT ACCOUNT NO. 30038480740 OF OUR COMPANY MAINTAINED WITH THE STATE BANK OF INDIA, COMMERCIAL BRANCH FORT, MUMBAI.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE that cheques from leaflet no. 625714 to 625775 belonging to Cash Credit Account No. 30038480740 of our Company maintained with the State Bank of India, Commercial Branch Fort, have been stolen and are being misused by unauthorised individuals engaging with third parties by falsely inducing reliance on such stolen instruments with fraudulent intent. The said cheques are being circulated throughout the country and may be used to show a false association with RCF in an attempt to defraud unsuspecting members of the public, businesses, and financial institutions. Such cheques may also be used by fraudulent individuals or entities to obtain loans by falsely holding out such cheques as advance received from the Company, or as security to falsely portray liquidity/creditworthiness or simply to misrepresent to a third party that the fraudulent party in possession of such cheques is an authorised vendor, supplier or agent of RCF.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE ARE HEREBY CAUTIONED against dealing with any of the aforesaid cheques i.e., Cheques bearing no. 625714 to 625775 which are presented as purportedly issued by Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizer Limited and to remain vigilant and report any such suspicious approach to the law enforcement authorities.

We strongly advise anyone in possession of or presented with any of the aforesaid cheques to immediately report the matter to the nearest police station or contact us at Mr. Rajendra Swamy 9930906487 / 022-25522811. Whilst the Company has initiated swift mitigating measures by way of 'stop payment' instructions issued to our Bankers i.e., State Bank of India, Commercial Branch Fort, to stop payment and invalidated the aforesaid Cheque leaf from series no. 625714 to 625775; All financial institutions are urged to exercise extreme caution and deploy measures to stop such suspicious transactions and refuse to encash invalidated cheques, if presented for clearance.

Please note that any financial transactions, dealings arising out of, or reliance on any nature induced upon presentation of the invalidated cheques referred to above will not be honoured by Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited. The Company has already lodged criminal complaints in this regard and is pursuing the matter vigorously.

It is hereby clarified that Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizer Limited shall not be held liable for any claim and/or legal proceedings arising out of and/or initiated on account of the said stolen cheques leaf from series no. 625714 to 625775 and the Public and all other parties concerned are hereby cautioned and put to the notice of the same.

Issued by: Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizer Limited (RCF Limited)
Date: 11/03/2025

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Joint Commissioner, Yelahanka Zone,
Amruthahalli Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092

No: BBMP/JC/YNK.Z/TEND/03/2024-25 Date: 04-03-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Joint Commissioner, Yelahanka Zone, Invites fresh tenders from eligible bidders for outsourcing man power service -SOLID WASTE INSPECTORS for Health & Sanitation Activities in Yelahanka Zone. The agency shall supply qualified man power to the BBMP. Two Cover Bid procedure as per Rule 28 to the KTPP Act shall be followed.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Providing the services of Solid Waste Inspectors to Yelahanka Zone (Call-2). No of Manpower: 14.00. EMD (in Lakhs): 1.14. Cost of bid Document: As per KPP Portal. Tender Period: 12 months.

Calendar of Events: 1) The Tender Documents may be Downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. 2) Last Date for receipt of Tenders on 12-03-2025 upto 4.00 PM. 3) Last Date for uploading Queries: 10-03-2025 upto 2.00 PM. 4) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 10-03-2025 at 3:00 PM at Office of the Zonal Joint Commissioner, Yelahanka Zone, Amruthahalli Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092. 5) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: 13-03-2025, 4:30 PM on or next working day. 6) Opening of Financial Bids will be intimated to technically qualified bidders. Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Joint Commissioner,
Yelahanka Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that My Client Mr. SHAMVIL AHMED, Residing at No:1318,14TH Main Road, BTM 2nd stage, Bengaluru,Karnataka-560076, has Lost the Original Lease cum Sale Agreement, Document No:3828, Volume No-807, Year 1983-1984, Page No:96-91 (Bangalore Development Authority) if any person, has found/got possession of the said instrument, may please return the same to my client above mentioned or to the below mentioned office, and in this regard my client has already registered a Online Complaint. dated 08/03/2025 in Lost Report No.1513806/2025, AND the public are here by informed that any transaction with the above mentioned, shall be deemed to be invalid and not binding on my client.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT SMT SUMITHRA T.N. is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and She has lost the original Sale Deed dated 14/5/2004 bearing Document No.6241/2004-05, Book-1, executed by Sri.Narashimha, Sri.B.N.Narayana Rao, Sri.Rajanna, Sri.B.N. Puttanna all are Son of late Sri.Shanbagh.L. Narasappa represented by their G2A holder Sri.Ramachandran in favour of Sd/-Ravi, registered in the office of sub registrar, Bangalore North taluk, pertaining to the schedule property. In case anybody having any claims or in possession of the said document, shall inform the under signed and handover the same within SEVEN DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

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N.JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate
No.30/1, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross, Near NR Colony Bus Stand, Opp. Hotel Dwaraka, Bangalore-19.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identification Number (CIN) : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-01116)

Tender Enquiry No. 12/GC/TS/PSCL/2024-25 Dated : 07.03.2025

Dy. CE / Grid Construction, opp. PAU Gate No.1, PSPCL, Ludhiana invites open e-tender for outsourcing of Augmentation of Power Transformers related works on partial turnkey mode under RDSS scheme under Grid Construction Division Ludhiana under Grid Construction Circle Ludhiana.

For detailed NIT & Tender Specifications please refer to <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 07.03.2025 (01.00 PM onwards).

NOTE: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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No. E- 160611 Date: 24.02.2025

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POSSESSION NOTICE
For Immovable property (Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1))

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section (12) of Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 28.10.2024 calling upon the borrowers, Mr. Harijan Channabasappa and Mrs. Hanamant, to repay amount aggregating Rs.29,81,268.00 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Eight only) plus unapplied interest thereon as mentioned in the demand notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The notice was sent through Regd. AD Post as well as hand delivery. The Demand Notice was also published in the New Indian Express and Samyukta Karnataka on 14.12.2024.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on this 6th day of March of the year 2025. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Maharashtra, Shivaji Nagar Branch (4002) for an amount hereinabove mentioned. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The details of the properties mortgaged to the Bank and taken possession by the Bank are as follows:

All that piece and parcel of 1BHK Residential Flat bearing No.010 in Ground Floor of the multi-storied residential Apartment Building known as "MAGAN SILVER HILL" measuring built up area 890 sq. ft. constructed on the land bearing Site No.8 to 36 carved out of Survey No.80 with one car parking in the basement along with undivided share of the land measuring area 188 sq. ft. lying and situated at Chikkakallasandra, 1st Main Road, Sneha Colony, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560 061 and the Flat is butted and bounded as under: On or towards North: By Open Area and Compound Wall. On or towards South: By Common Area. On or towards East: By Lift Case. On or towards West: By Flat of Smt. Priya Bhagath.

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer
Bank of Maharashtra
Bengaluru Zone

Date : 06.03.2025
Place : Bengaluru

Water Resource Department
(Minor Irrigation)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Admin Block, NH-75 Road, Near Café Coffee Day, Narsapura-563133, Kolar taluk & District.
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No:EE/MI/Kol/TA/AE/Tender Notification/2886/2024-25/
Dtd:07.03.2025

**Short term tender notification no:14/2024-25/
Dtd: 07.03.2025**

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kolar has invited tenders for eligible bidders through KPP-Procurement for the work in two cover system for the 03 number of works. The tender procedure as per Rule of KTPP Act and standard tender document KW-1 & 4 & KC-5 (01 work) shall be followed. Scheduled EMD amount to be submitted through KPP-Portal and tender processing fees as per KPP-Portal procedure. Downloading tender documents through KPP-Portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in starts from Dt:10.03.2025, 11:00 AM onwards to 20.03.2025 upto 11:00 AM. Uploading tender documents from Dt:11.03.2025, 11:00 AM onwards to 21.03.2025 upto 11:00 AM. Pre bid meeting for KW-4 work Date:14.03.2025 @ 11:00 AM at Office of the Executive Engineer MI & GWD division, Kolar. Opening of technical bid Dt:24.03.2025 @ 11:01 AM. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to make any changes in above details in future if needed. For more details can be obtained from the office of the under signed on all working days during office hours and also through website: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without giving any reason.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water, Development Division, Kolar.
DIPR/KOLAR/RO:519/KSMCA/2024-25

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Notification for Doctor of Philosophy in Ayurveda (Ph.D. Ayurveda) Programs 2025-26

- Applications are invited in online mode for the admission in Doctor of Philosophy in Ayurveda (Ph.D Ayurveda) programs in various disciplines of Ayurveda for the academic year 2025-2026 at All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi under the University of Delhi.
- The candidates willing to apply for admission to this programme may visit the entrance exam portal on website of All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi through www.aiia.gov.in to download the Ph.D. Bulletin and to submit the online application form.
- The online application form will be available on the entrance exam portal from 15 March 2025. The last date for submission of online applications is 07 April 2025.
- Ph.D. Entrance Examination - To be held on 19th April 2025. For more details visit AIIA Entrance Examination Portal at www.aiia.gov.in

Sd/-,
Director, AIIA
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'LENDING AGENCIES CONVERTING BLACK MONEY INTO WHITE'

HK Patil says old laws not stringent enough, new legislation takes care of that

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

LAW Minister **HK Patil** said in the Assembly on Monday that money lending or microfinance institutions have become means of converting black money into white, and this needs to be controlled. He was speaking before the assembly passed the Karnataka Micro Loan and Small Loan (Prevention of Coercive Actions) Bill 2025. Patil said that in Karnataka, over Rs 40,000 crore is disbursed and transacted and this amount has no accountability. "Where is this money coming from? This has not come from any government grants or banking institution loans. It's black money. No other honest business can fetch this kind of profit. A man invests black money and in return gets 40-50% profit," he said. "Money lenders not just become rich, they will be your competitors," he told MLAs. Black money, big profits and political power will damage society's health, he said.

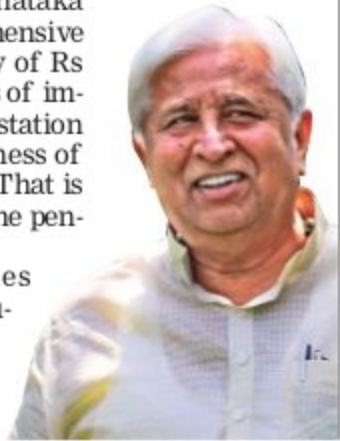
The new law increases punishment and holds officials responsible for failing to take action, he said. Some lending agencies -- both registered and unregistered -- started collecting interest amounts and loans inhumanely. This led to people losing confidence. Some committed suicide, while others left their village, unable to face harassment from lenders. There is a need to bring fear among such money lenders who violate and damage human rights. At the same, there is a need to safeguard the interest of loan takers, he said.

Patil said, "We already have unregulated deposit schemes act 2019, Karnataka protection of interest of depositors act, Karnataka prohibition of charging exorbitant interest act and Karnataka Pawnbrokers act. But, we needed a comprehensive law. The existing laws stress on a penalty of Rs 1,000 to Rs 10,000 and one day to six months of imprisonment. One can get bail at the police station and come out, irrespective of the seriousness of their crime. These laws are not stringent. That is why the state government has increased the penalty to Rs 5 lakh and jail term to 10 years."

Earlier, MLAs from different parties raised concern over illegal lending. Turuvekere MLA T Krishnappa said this has to be brought under the income tax ambit. He alleged many officials own such micro financing companies.

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MORE BILLS PASSED

The Karnataka Pawn Brokers (Amendment) Bill, Karnataka Prohibition of Charging Exorbitant Interest (Amendment) Bill, and the Karnataka Money Lenders (Amendment) Bill were also passed in the Assembly on Monday. They have increased the penalties and also terms of imprisonment.



CM promises spl grants to Cong MLAs, advises them to defend govt against BJP

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

CHAIRING the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting here on Monday evening, CM Siddaramaiah promised more grants to Congress legislators and advised them to defend the government in the ensuing budget session from opposition BJP and JDS over alleged diversion of Scheduled Castes Sub-Allocation & Tribal Sub Allocation (SCP/TSP) grants to five guarantees.

The CM asserted that no state, including BJP-ruled states, or the Centre have introduced a law to implement SCP/TSP. His government implemented SCP/TSP and allocated 24.1% funds in the budget. Rs 42,000 crore

has already been spent on the beneficiaries, he said. But Siddaramaiah indirectly defended the alleged diversion of SCP/TSP grants, sources said.

He advised legislators to feel proud of his budget as he has maintained financial discipline and allocated funds to five guarantees and also state's development. "The budget has reached out to all sections, including backward classes, Dalits, minorities and farmers. The previous BJP government had left a Rs 2 lakh crore burden on our government by announcing projects without any financial backup," he said.

He promised special grants to MLAs under the CM's Infrastructure Development Pro-

gramme. "But he did not clarify when he will release the grants," an MLA said.

He said legislators should take up the issue of Centre's alleged injustice in giving the state's share of taxes, clearing irrigation projects among others.

DCM and KPCC president DK Shivakumar asked party legislators to be prepared to celebrate two years of the party coming to power in May. He said district in-charge ministers should ensure sites for the construction of Congress Bhavans as the party has plans to set up 100 such Bhavans. Ministers should hold party workers' meetings regularly to redress their grievances, he said.

Assembly okays amendment to regulate e-platforms

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ALL e-commerce platforms, including Amazon, BigBasket and D-Mart, will now come under the control of APMC. The Assembly on Monday approved The Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation and Development) (Amendment) Bill, 2025 to prevent cess fraud.

It will now be mandatory for any e-commerce platform to pay cess to APMCs, and the agricultural marketing director has the powers to act against them in cases of fraud, said APMC Minister

Shivanand S Patil. If the decision of the agricultural marketing director is not satisfactory, it can be appealed in the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal within 30 days of receiving the director's order.

No one can set up an e-commerce platform for trading in notified agricultural produce unless he has obtained a licence, he added.

"If the licence is obtained through wilful misrepresentation or fraud, the director can suspend the licence. The director can grant a licence to set up an e-commerce platform to facilitate trade in no-



tified agricultural produce, subject to conditions and fees and security deposit specified by the officer," he explained. Only licensed traders who have been granted licence by the competent authority under the new Act will be al-

lowed to register as an e-platform. Transparency in the business operations, related activities and decisions taken on the platform is mandatory. All transaction documents should be maintained electronically, he explained.

In the case of fruits, vegetables and flowers, warehouse service providers can charge a service fee not exceeding 5% of the price of notified agricultural products and 2% for all other notified products. He explained that warehouse owners should arrange insurance against fire, theft, rain or any natural calamity, as per the Act.

BANGALORE PALACE BILL PASSED IN COUNCIL, AMID WALKOUT BY OPPN

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AMID a walkout by opposition parties, the Bangalore Palace (Utilisation and Regulation of Land) Bill was passed in the Legislative Council on Monday. With the bill, the Karnataka government reaffirms its ownership over 472 acre and 16 guntas of Palace Grounds land

in the heart of the city and also attempts not to pay over Rs 3,000 crore TDR (Transferable Development Rights) to the erstwhile Mysuru royal family, which was to be paid for 15 acres of land needed for road widening.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil, who tabled the bill in the Council, said, "To address traffic conges-



tion on Ballari Road, the government intends to widen the road and needs 15 acres of Ban-

galore Palace land. For this, over Rs 3,000 crore of TDR was to be given to the royal family."

He said that at Rs 200 crore per acre, if the government agrees to give TDR and widen the road, it will be the costliest road in the world.

Raising their voice, opposition members recalled the contributions of Mysuru kings and said introducing a bill

only to acquire the Bangalore Palace land is not justifiable and that it will give an impression that the government is involved in vendetta politics against the royal family. They suggested that a common bill be made for acquiring land in Bengaluru and not the palace land alone.

Council opposition leader Chalavadi Narayanaswamy

said the bill should be reconsidered and it would be disrespectful to the royal family. An amicable solution should be arrived at by engaging in a dialogue with the members of the royal family, he suggested. Opposition members pointed out that the guidance value for areas around Sanjay Nagar is over Rs 2 lakh per square metre and along with compensa-

tion, it would reach Rs 3,000 crore TDR and there is nothing wrong in giving it to the royal family. Patil informed the House that the state has powers to bring enactments to acquire land and pointed out that this has been done in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh and the courts have upheld them too. As the opposition walked out, the bill was passed.

Ranya in 15-day JC, close associate also arrested

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THE Special Court for Economic Offences remanded actor **Ranya Rao**, who is arrested on charges of gold smuggling, to 15 days judicial custody on Monday. Meanwhile, the sleuths of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) arrested her close associate Tharun Raj, who is said to be the prime accused, on Sunday night. The central agency has got his custody for five days.

Ranya was produced before the special court judge Vishwanath C Gowdar on Monday, after her three-day police custody ended. During the hearing, she broke down in the courtroom. The judge asked her whether the officials had troubled her, to which she replied that she was verbally abused and threatened during

DRI custody, and claimed that she suffered mental harassment.

When the judge questioned her if any officials had physically assaulted her, she replied that they did not hit her, but claimed that she was verbally abused. Ranya added that she has fully cooperated with the investigation.

However, the prosecution denied all allegations, stating that she was questioned based on available evidence against her and informed the court that the entire questioning was video-recorded, which will be shared with the court, if required. It also dismissed allegations of harassment, stating that questioning an accused cannot be considered torture.

The court remanded her in

judicial custody until March 24. She will be sent to Bengaluru Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara. The court also adjourned hearing of her bail application till Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the DRI officials arrested Tharun Raj on Sunday night in connection with the case. He was a close associate of Ranya and his father is a businessman. It is alleged that Raj used Ranya to transport

the gold bars illegally from Dubai. He was also produced before the special court on Monday, and was remanded to five days in police custody.

Ranya, a 33-year-old Kannada actor, was caught smuggling gold bars weighing 14.2 kg, worth Rs 14.56 crore, when she arrived at Kempegowda International Airport from Dubai on March 3.



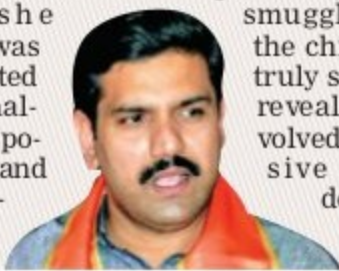
BYV ASKS SIDDU TO REVEAL NAMES OF MINISTERS LINKED TO GOLD CASE

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THE political storm over the Ranya Rao gold smuggling case intensified on Monday as BJP state president **BY Vijayendra** issued a direct challenge to the government, saying: "Reveal the names of ministers involved." Addressing the media, Vijayendra dropped a series of shocking allegations, stating that top politicians and influential figures are linked to the Rs 13 crore gold smuggling operation. He pointed out that Ranya, stepdaughter of a senior IPS officer, was allegedly given VIP

treatment at Kempegowda International Airport, bypassing security checks with full police protocol. Vijayendra revealed startling details. Frequent foreign trips: Ranya reportedly travelled to Dubai and other foreign locations over 30 times in recent months, raising suspicion of an international smuggling network; VIP treatment at airports: Every time she returned, she was allegedly escorted by police, signalling high-level political backing; and CBI & ED investigations un-

der way: With national agencies already probing the case, Vijayendra insisted that the state government must come clean about ministerial involvement. Vijayendra demanded full disclosure of the hawala operators, mafia, and politicians who facilitated the illegal operation. "This is not just about one person, it's about a massive, politically-shielded gold smuggling racket. If the chief minister is truly strong, he must reveal the names involved and take decisive action," he declared.



Land sanctioned under BJP rule not allocated due to non-payment: MB Patil

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INDUSTRIES Minister **MB Patil** on Monday said 12 acres of land sanctioned to Ksiroda India Private Limited, a company linked to actress Ranya Rao, accused in a gold smuggling case, has not been officially allocated since the company failed to make the prescribed payment.

The decision to allot 12 acres to the firm at the Sira Industrial Area in Tumakuru was taken during the 137th State Level Single Window Clearance Committee (SLSWCC) meeting held on January 2, 2023. BJP was in power in the state at that point in time and Congress came to power in May 2023.

The minister told the media in Bengaluru that since the company did not remit the required amount within the stipulated time, the land has not been officially handed over. The company had submitted a proposal to set up a manufacturing unit for steel TMT bars, rods, and allied products, with an investment of Rs 138 crore. The project was expected to generate approximately 160 jobs.

BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai demanded a thorough investigation to identify those involved in the illegal gold smuggling network

linked to Ranya. The former CM clarified that during his tenure, the allocation of land to the company where Ranya was a director never reached the CM's level.

"Whenever entrepreneurs seek land, we follow the necessary agreements. A Land Audit Committee, comprising the principal secretary and senior officials, evaluates and recommends land allocation based on business needs. Projects worth up to Rs 500 crore are decided at the ministerial level and do not reach the CM. In my tenure, this issue did not come up. Projects worth up to Rs 500 crore are decided at the ministerial level and do not reach the CM. In my tenure, this issue did not come up."

Bommai said numerous applications for land are submitted in the interest of industrial development. The current government has also allocated land worth thousands of crores. No one can predict future criminal activities. The probe into the actress smuggling gold illegally from Dubai is ongoing and it must be conducted in all dimensions, and the culprits must be punished, he said.



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Basavaraj Bommai, BJP MP



HOUSE IN SESSION

College students watch proceedings in the Legislative Council at Vidhana Soudha on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Govt docs must work from 9 am to 4 pm, register attendance 4 times

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT doctors should work from 9 am till 4 pm and they will not be allowed to take up private practice, said Medical Education Minister **Dr Sharan Prakash Patil** in the Council on Monday. Replying to a question from Congress member Bilkis Banu, he said, "Strict action has been taken to prevent private practice by doctors. A notification has been issued to the heads of all government hospitals to follow the rules. Strict action will be taken against doctors who violate the rules."

He said, "From now, it is mandatory for doctors to mark their attendance four times a day through the biometric system. They have to do it at 9 am, 2 pm, 3 pm and 4 pm. Their salaries will be paid based on this. Providing timely and proper treatment is the government's top priority."

MLC Umashree remarked that children from 0 to 14 years are being diagnosed with cancer. Good treatment should be made available to patients in North Karnataka, she said. Dr Patil replied that the government will extend cancer care treatment to Hubballi, Mysuru and Kalaburagi. Under various components, Rs 15 lakh for lung transplant, Rs 18 lakh for heart transplant and Rs 21 lakh for bone marrow transplant will be provided, he added.



Pradhan, mind your tongue, TN never said yes to NEP: Stalin

'He is not king, shouldn't speak arrogantly'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

TAMIL NADU Chief Minister **MK Stalin**, in a statement on Monday, slammed Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan for making objectionable remarks against the parliamentarians of Tamil Nadu during the heated exchange in Lok Sabha. "The union minister must control his tongue and not speak arrogantly thinking himself to be a king," the DMK chief said.

During the Lok Sabha proceedings earlier on Monday, Pradhan alleged that the Tamil Nadu government did a "U-turn" in its stance on implementing the PM SHRI scheme in the state. Refuting the allegations, Stalin, sharing the union minister's letter dated August 30, 2024, asked, "Was it not you who wrote a letter to me, saying the PM SHRI MoU sent by Tamil Nadu has fully rejected the National Education Policy and the three-language formula?" The CM said, "We never came forward to implement your scheme. No one can coerce me to do so."

Reiterating TN's stance against the policies, Stalin said the incumbent state govern-

ment functioned by respecting the opinion of the people, unlike the BJP leaders who were bound by "words from Nagpur" (referring to the Nagpur-headquartered RSS). He berated the union minister for "cheating" Tamil Nadu by not releasing the funds allocated for the state, and wrapped his statement with a pointed question, "Will you release the taxes you collected from us, the funds

that belong to the students or not?" Stalin blamed Pradhan for insulting the people of Tamil Nadu, and asked, "Does Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi accept this," asked the CM in a post on platform 'X', tagging the PM.

Tamil Nadu school education minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi strongly condemned the "outrageous remarks" of Pradhan. "Does he truly understand what he is saying or is he just repeating a script handed to him?" he asked. In a post on 'X', Anbil said, "The Union BJP government's political interference in education will not be forgiven. Students and teachers will remember this betrayal. NEP is not an education policy, but an RSS-driven agenda. Tamil Nadu rejects it outright..."



CROSS THE FINISH LINE

Tusker Balu emerges victorious in the elephant race held as part of a festival at Guruvayur Sree Krishna Temple on Monday | **SLAL**

HC admits ED plea against quashing of proceedings against ex-MUDA official

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed an appeal before the High Court of Karnataka against the order of a single judge declaring that a search and seizure operation at the residence of Natesha DB, former commissioner of MUDA, in connection with the MUDA site allotment scam, is illegal, unwarranted and abuse of law. It has also challenged the liberty granted by the single judge to Natesha to initiate action under Section 62 of the Prevention of the Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against the ED officials.

Admitting ED's appeal, a division bench of Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice MI Arun recorded the undertaking by senior counsel Dushyanth Dave, representing Natesha, that they will not act upon the liberty granted to them by the single judge against ED officials, during the pendency of the appeal.

Meanwhile, additional solicitors general SV Raju and K Aravind Kamath urged the court to pass an interim order staying the single judge's order. They argued that all investigations of ED are being halted based on the impugned order passed by the single judge. However, Dave opposed the stay on the grounds that the appeal did not seek interim relief.

The court granted time to ED to file an application for interim relief and adjourned the hearing to April 8. Meanwhile, Kamath stated that they will file the application before the division bench on Tuesday. An Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) was registered on October 1, 2024, by ED based on an FIR filed by the Lokayukta in connection with the illegal allotment of 14 sites, including commercial plots, to BM Parvathy, wife of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, by MUDA during Natesha's tenure as commissioner. On joint director of ED's direction, the assistant director raided Natesha's residence under Section 17 of PMLA. During the raid, Natesha's mobile phone was seized and its data transferred to a hard disk.

The single judge had observed that mere possession of a site that was allegedly illegally allotted to an accused in a criminal case in connection with a scheduled offence does not, by itself, constitute an offence under PMLA unless essential ingredients of the offence as defined under Section 3 of the Act are satisfied.

Meanwhile, SP K Ramarajan has also urged the growers to install CCTVs to prevent coffee theft even as he has instructed the coffee trading centres across the district to follow certain guidelines during the process of collecting beans from the coffee bean sellers.

THE Govindarajanagar police have arrested a man for cheating over 100 people with a fake Kumbh Mela tour package and looting over Rs 70 lakh. So far, 21 people have filed complaints against him. The accused, Raghavendra Rao (35), is a resident of VKW Layout and a native of Ballari. He had previously worked as a reporter with a regional news channel.

Kumbh Mela fake tour operator held

ENS @ Bengaluru

The police said that Rao created a tour package under the name Panchajanya Tours and Travels and advertised Kumbh Mela tours on social media, promising trips to Ayodhya, Varanasi, and Prayagraj. To gain trust, he initially took a small group of people on a tour, uploaded their photos on social media, and shared their reviews. He allegedly collected Rs 40,000 to Rs 50,000 per person. However, people from the second and third batches later learnt that he had cancelled their flight tickets and cheated them. Later, they approached the police.

ACCUSED HABITUAL OFFENDERS, INVOLVED IN THEFT, EXTORTION CASES, SAY POLICE

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Koppal

THE police on Monday produced the third accused in the horrific Koppal rape and murder case before the court. The third accused—Sharana Basava, 30, a tile fitter—was hiding in Chennai. The police have recovered a two-wheeler which the accused were riding on the night of the incident. He had hidden the vehicle near the canal, and after his arrest, he led the police to the bike.

On Thursday night, the accused had pushed three tourists into the Tungabhadra canal and had raped two women, a foreign national and a homestay owner. One of the three tourists, identified as 29-year-old Bibhas Nayak from Odisha, who was pushed into the canal, died.

Basava fled to Bengaluru by train from Hosapete and kept an eye on the developments of the case through the media. The police arrested two of the three accused—Malleesh and Chetan Sai—on Saturday, and through them, they traced the whereabouts of Basava. The police said that the accused have a history of criminal activities. They worked as daily wagers during the day and engaged in theft at night. "The trio was involved in petty theft, assault, and harassment of people. Previously they were arrested for stealing chickens and bikes and robbing grocery stores," said the police.

SECURITY MEASURES AT TOURIST SPOTS: PATIL

Karnataka government will provide security to tourists visiting the state, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil said on Monday. Calling the recent Koppal gangrape and murder unfortunate, Patil said, "When such incidents occur, there will be a debate on relooking the existing security parameters". Patil said he will discuss the matter with Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara. Meanwhile, the Opposition BJP is expected to raise the issue in the Assembly on Tuesday and they have sought permission to speak on the law and order situation in the state.

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The Koppal police probing the gangrape case have rolled out some rules to be followed. To begin with, CCTV cameras of the accommodation facilities are being inspected by the police, and the certificates from various government agencies are also being taken note of.

Koppal SP Ram Arasiddi said that "Form C" has been made mandatory whenever foreign tourists visit any tourism property in Koppal. "Form Censures that the local police station is aware of the foreign tourists. The details will ensure the safety of foreign tourists. Night patrolling has also been increased in tourism zones," he said.

Growers spend more to save coffee produce from thieves

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madikeri

FOLLOWING the decrease in coffee production across the world, the prices of coffee beans are soaring. However, many growers are investing additional funds to protect the coffee yield from thieves.

At Siddapura, coffee grower Hussain lost over 800kg of picked Robusta coffee beans to thieves who did away with all the coffee produce kept inside a storage room on the estate

premises. The incident was reported on January 26. After thorough investigations, Siddapura police have nabbed four accused in the theft case after over a month. KB Shafiq (36), TJ Francis (29), MG Anees (24) and MB Yasin (28) who are all residents of Kodagu district have been nabbed.

Meanwhile, during the investigation, the police also found links with the accused in the coffee theft cases reported across Virajpet limits. As a source confirmed, the police

have seized 51 bags of coffee weighing roughly 2,550kg from the arrested accused. Investigations are ongoing to trace more theft cases connected to the arrested accused.

Even as several growers have completed the coffee picking work, they fear losing the produce to thieves. "Due to wildlife movement, it is hard for growers to stay within the estate limits during night hours. However, as theft cases are increasing, I have now installed CCTVs powered with solar across the

estate premises, especially in front of the coffee drying and storage yard. We are forced to invest in cameras with night-vision options," confirmed Vethan, a coffee grower in Biligeri limits.

Meanwhile, SP K Ramarajan has also urged the growers to install CCTVs to prevent coffee theft even as he has instructed the coffee trading centres across the district to follow certain guidelines during the process of collecting beans from the coffee bean sellers.

'Bibhas died fighting the rapists'

DIANA SAHU @ Bhubaneswar

BIBHAS Nayak fought till the end. The 29-year-old youth from Gudripada village in Kandhamal, made all attempts to save the two women - an Israeli tourist and a homestay owner - who were raped near a canal close to Sanapur lake in Koppal, around 25 km from the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hampi - till he drowned on March 6.

Even when he was thrown into the canal by two of the three accused, Bibhas tried to swim back and rescue his fellow tourists. However, he could no longer swim when a large stone thrown by the accused into the water hit him. "That is when, we suspect, he lost his life and drowned in the canal," said Akash Paul, his brother-in-law who brought Bibhas' body from Hampi to Kandhamal on Sunday. His body was found on Saturday, 2 km away from the spot.

An avid traveller, Bibhas had quit his job at the St Stephen's Hospital in New Delhi four months back and was travelling solo around the country on his bike. He had reached Hampi last week. Bibhas stayed in the homestay where three other

tourists including the Israeli woman and two male tourists - Daniel Pitas from the US and Pankaj Amrit Rao from Nashik - had put up.

"A local had told them that the site was a great place for stargazing. So after finishing their dinner, all of them along with the homestay owner went to the site. They were listening to music when the three accused, who were heavily inebriated, arrived at the spot and demanded ₹100 for petrol," said Akash, who interacted with one of the rape survivors.

While the rest had no money, Bibhas had ₹20 in his bag which he handed over to the accused. Angry with the petty amount, the accused picked up a quarrel and started assaulting them.

Akash said when Bibhas and the two others made attempts to stop the accused from raping the women, the latter started pelting stones and pushed them into the canal. They continued throwing stones into the water but the two others managed to swim out. One stone hit Bibhas which was evident from a large injury mark on his head," Akash said adding, Bibhas was an excellent swimmer.



PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of my client **SRI LOKESH M SIO MUNISWAMY (M.M.R)** Aged about 41 Years Residing at No.38, Ramagondanahalli (Kod) White Field Post, Bangalore - 68. to bring to the notice of the general public that the original Sale Deed dated 06/08/2012 registered as Doc. No. SRJ-1-02446-2012-13 in the Office of Sub-Registrar Sarjapura is missing /lost/misplaced. If any person's, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim's are holding the afore mentioned document, they may contact the undersigned in writing within 7 days from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of property bearing **SI. No.463, Khatha No.169/3, SITE No.6 (Six)** Measuring 30X40 Feet = 1200 Sq Feet situated at **GATTAHALLI VILLAGE, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District**, and bounded on:-

East by :- Road. West by :- Road. North by :- Site No.7. South by :- Site No.5.

M/s. Rasli Legal, Advocates and Legal Consultants, No.B2-1250/51, Mannu Toja Towers, A Dasarahalli, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore 560 079. M-9538178060

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client **MR. VINAY P.A.** aged 40 years, S/o P. Ashok Kumar and Mrs. SCOWMYAMN, aged 39 years W/o Vinay P.A. R/o No.175, Near Ramakrishna Hegde Park, 5th block, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560072. Are intending to purchase the property fully described in the schedule hereunder. The said BDM & Home partnership firm represented by its partner Mr. Kran V Sio Shri. Venugopal Reddy are the Absolute Owners and in physical possession of the immovable residential property bearing Vacant plot No-132, in the STRP approved layout known as 'LAGOS' carved out of residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.103/1 situated at Shivapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore rural District. Coming under the jurisdiction of STRR. Measuring East to West: 15 Meters, and South to North 9 Meters in all total measuring 135 Sq.Mtrs and bounded on the:-

East by :-	Plot No.153.
West by :-	Plot No.153.
North by :-	Plot No.131.
South by :-	Plot No.131.

Any person's or financial institutions claiming any charge, lien, right, title, agreement, interest or share, claim on the schedule property or objection to such sale in favour of our clients, should lodge his/her/their objection or claim with supporting documents with the undersigned within 07 days of the issuance of this public notice, failing which, our clients will proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims or objections with regard to the purchase of the schedule property and no claim will be entertained thereafter.

Indrani T.Rao, Advocate
Anya idga hotel building Siddapuram Bangalore-560020. 9880184557

SUMMONS TO JUDGEMENT DEBTOR

M/s Intellifour Software Private Limited,
No. 813, A Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560 064

Also At:
Kaushal Emerald,
No.2 North Park Road,
Kumara Park East, Bengaluru - 560 001

Whereas, the above-mentioned Decree Holder has instituted this execution petition since the Judgment Debtor has failed to comply with the terms of the award dated 15.07.2022 passed in A.C. 109/2019 till date.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Honble Commercial Court, at Bangalore, in C.C.H. 84 in person or by a pleader on 29.03.2025 at CCH 84 at the Commercial Court Complex, Bangalore to show cause, failing which the petition will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Honble Court on this 27th of February 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that our client **Smt Anusuya Bai**, Bengaluru is intends to purchase mentioned property from its owner **Smt Hanumanika w/o Late Muthuramiah**, residing Chikkanahalli Village, Doddaballavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Tq, Doddaballapura Taluk.

Schedule-1: Old Sy No. P15 and New Sy No. 28, 2 acre situated at Shivanur Village, Doddaballavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. East - Road, West - Private Land, North - Private Land, South - Private Land, And

Schedule-2: Old Sy No. P5 New Sy No. 28 2 acre situated at Shivanur Village, Doddaballavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. East - Private Land, West - Private Land, North - Private Land, South - Private Land.

Any persons / institutions claiming to have any right, title, interest, charge, lien or minor claims whatsoever over the said properties may lodge his/her/their claims to the undersigned with documentary proof within **Fifteen (15 days)** of this publications, failing which it will be deemed that no other persons/ institutions have any claim, demand, right, interest or title by wave of previous sale or agreement to sell or mortgage or objections to purchase the said property by clients and any such claims shall have no liabilities on my clients and my clients shall proceed and complete the sale, as if there is no such claims.

Sri. Prashanth Kumar, K.A. LLB, "LEXFACTUM", Advocate and Legal Consultant, No. 690, 2nd Floor, 36th Cross, 11th Main, Rajajinagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru - 10.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE						
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)] E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties Mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of India, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" for recovery of below mentioned amount/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/E-Auction date, Time & EMD amount are mentioned below.						
Sl. No	Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor (s)	Description of Immovable Property With Known Encumbrances	Branch Name Account No./Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Symbolic / Physical)
1.	Borrowers Mr. Vinod S and Mrs. Ragini S Address: No. 32/1/1 1st Cross 4th Main 4th Block Opposite to Arpitha Agency Thyagarajanagar Bangalore 560010.	Location of the property: All that piece and parcel of the PORTION 'A' of residential site bearing No. 32/1 situated at 4th Main 4th Block Thyagarajanagar Bengaluru under jurisdiction of BBMP ward No. 154 having BBMP PID No. 51-94-32/1, measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 20 feet in total 400 sq feet owned by Mrs. Ragini S and bounded by The Boundaries of the Property: East by: 5ft passage & Gangamma's property West by: Private Property North by: Subramani's Property South by: Radha's Property	Branch : Hanumanthanagar Branch A/C No: 849062610000245 For recovery of Rs. 18,63,604.81 (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Sixty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Four and Paise Eighty-One)	11-04-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm	Reserve price: Rs. 58,81,000/- EMD : Rs. 5,88,100/-	Symbolic
2.	Mr. Ramesha CH Address: Byraweshwara Nilaya, Site No. 4 No 1555, 18th Main Road Behind Shani Mahatma Temple Muneshwara Block Bengaluru 560026.	Location of the property: All that piece and parcel of immovable Property situated at Bangalore South Taluk Uttarahalli Hobli, Katriguppe, Avalahalli grama Sy No. 45/17 Site No. 4 BBMP Ward No. 41 Muneshwara Block 18th Main Road, Behind Shani Mahatma Temple, Municipal No. 4 having PID No. 41-158-04 and East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet, totalling measuring 1500 sq ft belonging to Mr. Ramesh CH and bounded by The Boundaries of the Property: East by: Road West by: Property No.7 North by: Property No. 5 South by: Site No. 3	Branch : Rajajinagar Branch A/C No: 840675110000183 For recovery of Rs. 81,88,965.56 (Rupees Eighty-One Lakhs Eighty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five and Paise Fifty-Six)	11-04-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm	Reserve price: Rs. 2,05,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 20,50,000/-	Symbolic

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website <https://www.banknet.com>. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.banknet.com> or <https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders>. The Authorized Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason. Date & Time of E-auction: 11-04-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

Date : 07-03-2025 & 10-03-2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

ANDHRA PRADESH AIRPORTS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (APADCL)
(Under the control of Infrastructure & Investment Dept.)
Mangalagiri, Amaravati

SELECTION OF TRANSACTION ADVISOR FOR PROVIDING CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONDUCTING TECHNO - ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY, PREPARATION OF DETAILED PROJECT REPORT, CONDUCTING EIA STUDY AND OBTAINING STATUTORY CLEARANCES FOR THE PROPOSED WATER AERODROMES AT EIGHT (8) LOCATIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

Notice No.4. APADCL/Water Aerodromes in AP/ 2024-25, Dt.06.03.2025

Andhra Pradesh Airports Development Corporation Ltd. (APADCL) invites Proposals from reputed Global firms for the captioned assignment. Interested consultancy firms may download the Request for Proposal (RFP) document from the website of APADCL @ www.apadcl.com on 09.03.2025 @ 11 AM onwards. The last date for submission of the proposals is on or before 15.00 hours IST on 24.03.2025. (in AP e-procurement portal only)

Sd/- Managing Director, APADCL

For any clarifications, please send e-mail to: md-apadcl@ap.gov.in, cgmtchapadcl@gmail.com

DIPR No.3579PP/CL/ADVT/11/21-22 Dt.10/03/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that our Clients (1) Sri. H. S. Gopinath son of Sri. H. T. Somashankar Reddy, aged about 60 years, residing at No.1138, 14th Main, 21st Cross, Sector-3, HSR Layout, Bangalore- 560 102, (2) Smt. Thulasamma wife of Sri. Appanna Reddy Ramakrishna, aged about 67 years, both are residing at No.45, 18th Main, 11th Cross, behind Manthirasrayar, 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore- 560 102, (3) Smt. H.S. Nagamma wife of Sri. K. C. Jagannath Reddy, aged about 55 years, residing at No.2, 13th Cross, Hemur Main Road, Opp: Chennakeshava Temple, Kacharakanahalli, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore- 560 084, (4) Smt. V. Brundha wife of Sri. Mallesh, aged about 39 years, residing at No. 208, 5th Main, 2nd Cross, Munishwara Layout, Hongsasandra, behind Arjaneya Swami Temple, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 088, (5) Sri. H. T. Somashankar Reddy, son of Late. B. V. Thimmarappa, aged about 90 years, residing at No. 1138, 21st Cross, Sector-3, HSR Layout, Bangalore- 560 102, (6) Sri. K. J. Preetham, son of Sri. K. C. Jagannath Reddy, aged about 36 years, residing at No.2, 13th Cross, Hemur Main Road, Opp: to Chennakeshava Temple, Kacharakanahalli, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore- 560 084, (7) Sri. Chandrasekhara Gumakal Appannaswamy, son of Sri. Appanna Reddy Ramakrishna, aged about 44 years, residing at No. 45, 18th Main, 11th Cross, behind Manthirasrayar, 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore- 560 102; had executed a Joint Development Agreement dated 01.03.2023 and Power of Attorney dated 01.03.2023 with M/s. Sterlite Developers LLP a Limited Liability Partnership having its registered office at No. 2318B88MP Khata No. 9108/2318, 1st Floor 27m Main Road, 17th Cross, 1st Sector HSR Layout, Bangalore- 560 012, represented by its partners Mr. N. Shivarama Reddy, Smt. Vugula Deepika Reddy, Sri. N. Shivarama Reddy Partner; Also at No. 350, 15th Cross, 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore- 560 102, The Joint Development Agreement dated 01.03.2023 was registered as Document No.SR.1-09558/2022-23, of Book-1, Stored in CD No. SR.01330, into the office of the Sub-Registrar, Sargur (Basavanagudi) Bangalore and the Power of Attorney dated 01.03.2023 was registered as Document No.SR.4-00826/2022-23 registered on 01.03.2023 in Book-4, stored in C.D. No. SR.01330 before the office of the Sub-Registrar, Sargur (Basavanagudi) Bangalore respectively. The aforementioned documents were in respect to the Schedule Property. Our clients have now terminated the said Joint Development Agreement dated 01.03.2023 and revoked the Power of Attorney dated 01.03.2023 and have accordingly issued a letter of termination and revocation on 10.03.2025 through RPAD. It is therefore notified to public at large that M/s. Sterlite Developers LLP represented by its partners is not authorised to act under or pursuant to the aforementioned Joint Development Agreement dated 01.03.2023 or aforementioned Power of Attorney dated 01.03.2023. It is also notified that all powers and authorities given to M/s. Sterlite Developers LLP represented by its partners with respect to the Schedule Property under the aforementioned Power of Attorney dated 01.03.2023 stands revoked as on 10.03.2025. Any act done pursuant to the aforementioned Joint Development Agreement and aforementioned Power of Attorney shall be construed as an act done without the authority of our Clients and such acts are not binding on our Clients or on the Schedule Property. M/s. Sterlite Developers LLP represented by its partners shall alone be liable for the said act done. Any person dealing with M/s. Sterlite Developers LLP or its partners in connection with Schedule Property shall be at their own risk.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land bearing survey No. 342/1, measuring 4 acres (converted vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN/AJ/SR/158/2022-23, dated 25-01-2023, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District and is bounded on the:

East by	:	Land bearing survey No. 354
West by	:	Land belonging survey No.341
North by	:	Road
South by	:	Land bearing survey No.342/2

Item No.2

All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land bearing survey No. 345/1, measuring 8 acres (converted vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN/AJ/SR/158/2022-23, dated 21-11-2022, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District and is bounded on the:

East by	:	Land bearing survey No. 346/4
West by	:	Land belonging survey No.344/5
North by	:	Land bearing survey No.342/5 & 354
South by	:	Land bearing survey No.348/2 & 348/3 (old Survey No.348/1)

Item No.3

All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land bearing survey No. 342/2, measuring 1 acre (converted vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN/AJ/SR/153/2022-23, dated 31-10-2022, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District and is bounded on the:

East by	:	Land bearing survey No. 354
West by	:	Land belonging survey No.341
North by	:	Land bearing survey No.342/1
South by	:	Land bearing survey No.342/3

Item No.4

All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land bearing survey No. 342/4, measuring 1 acre (converted vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN/AJ/SR/153/2022-23, dated 31-10-2022, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District and is bounded on the:

East by	:	Land bearing survey No. 354
West by	:	Land belonging survey No.341
North by	:	Land bearing survey No.342/3
South by	:	Land bearing survey No.342/5

Item No.5

All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land bearing survey No. 342/3, measuring 1 acre (converted vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN/AJ/SR/153/2022-23, dated 31-10-2022, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District and is bounded on the:

East by	:	Land bearing survey No. 354
West by	:	Land belonging survey No.341
North by	:	Land bearing survey No.342/4
South by	:	Land bearing survey No.342/4

Item No.6

All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land bearing survey No. 342/5, measuring 1 acre (converted vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN/AJ/SR/153/2022-23, dated 31-10-2022, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District and is bounded on the:

East by	:	Land bearing survey No. 354
West by	:	Land belonging survey No.341
North by	:	Land bearing survey No.342/4
South by	:	Land bearing survey No.344/6, 344/1 & 345

Item No.7

All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land bearing survey No. 344/1 (old Survey No. 344) measuring 1 acre 25 guntas, (converted vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN/AJ/SR/158/2022-23, dated 31-10-2022, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District and is bounded on the:)

East by	:	Land bearing survey No. 344/5
West by	:	Land belonging survey No.344/6&344/2
North by	:	Land bearing survey No.342/5
South by	:	Land bearing survey No.344/2

Item No.8

All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land bearing survey No. 348/3 (old Survey No. 348&348/1) measuring 1 acre 20 guntas out of 2 acres and is bounded on the:

East by	:	Land bearing survey No. 349
West by	:	Land belonging survey No.348/2 & 347
North by	:	Land bearing survey No.345&346
South by	:	Remaining Portion of Survey No. 348/3 (old Survey No.348/1)

Item No.9

All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land bearing survey No. 344/4 (old Survey No. 344) measuring 2 acres, (converted vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN/AJ/SR/154/2022-23, dated 31-10-2022, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District and is bounded on the:

East by	:	Land bearing survey No. 344/5 & 348/2
West by	:	Land belonging survey No.341/1, 342/2, 344/3, & 344/4
North by	:	Land bearing survey No.342/5
South by	:	Land bearing survey No.347

Item No.10

All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land bearing survey No. 344/5 (old Survey No. 344) measuring 15 Guntas, (converted vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN/AJ/SR/154/2022-23, dated 31-10-2022, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District and is bounded on the:

East by	:	Land bearing survey No. 348/1
West by	:	Land belonging survey No.344/4 & 344/5
North by	:	Land bearing survey No.345
South by	:	Land bearing survey No.347

Item No.12

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing survey No. 354, measuring 1 acre 15 guntas and is bounded on the:

East by	:	Remaining portion of survey no.354
West by	:	Land bearing survey No.342/1, 342/2 & 342/3
North by	:	Remaining portion of survey No.354
South by	:	Remaining portion of same survey no. 354

Schedule item No. 1 to 12 properties are all situated at Hulimangala Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban district.

Abhishek D H For Murali and Co., Advocates
No.102, Haudin House, No.5, Haudin Road, Bangalore 560042

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING e-BIDS

SE (PROC - II)/NIB-12/2024-25/BN-9016002428, 9016002430 AND 9016002431

Online e-bids are invited from interested bidders as detailed below:-

- Construction of 132 KV S/C Badnu - Upadi Line (20 KM approx), 01 No. 132 kv bay at 220 kv GSS Badnu & 01 No. 132 kv bay at 132 kv GSS Unpadi including supply of all Equipment (Except ACSR Conductor), materials, erection (including civil works), testing & commissioning of 132 kv line and bays on supply & ETC basis as per the bid specifications (BN-9016002428, UBN- VPN2425GLR080331)
- Purchase of 12893 stacks of 145 KV Solid Core Post Insulator on Rate Contract for a period of two years (BN-9016002430, UBN- VPN2425GLR03312)
- Purchase of 235sets of 245KV/2000A Motorized Isolator without earth switch, 126 sets of 245KV, 1250A Motorized Isolator without earth switch, 13 sets of 245KV, 1250A Motorized Isolator with earth switch and 48 sets of 245KV, 1250A Motorized Isolator Tandem type on Rate Contract for a period of two years. (BN-9016002431, UBN- VPN2425GLR03313)

SE (PROC-II)/NIB-11/2024-25 /BN- 9015002426 (UBN- VPN2425A1942)

- Purchase of 245 KV Current Transformers (0.2s Class) (BN-9015002426, UBN- VPN2425A1942)

The detailed NIB and Bid document /specification are available for viewing/downloading on the website <http://eproc.raajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raajasthan.gov.in>. Details of NIB are available on website <http://energy.raajasthan.gov.in/rvnpn>. Any extension in bid submission/opening date (if any) will be floated/uploaded on <http://eproc.raajasthan.gov.in>, <http://energy.raajasthan.gov.in/rvnpn> & <http://sppp.raajasthan.gov.in> only.

RRVNP/TR-6677/2025 Superintending Engineer Superintending Engineer
Raj Samwad/C/24/12920 (Proc.-I) (Proc.-II)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ)

ವಿಶೇಷ ಘಾಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ-2, (ವಿಎಂಎಚ್),
ನಂ. 14/3, ಸುವರ್ಣಾ ಮಿ. ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಮಹರ್ಷಿ ರವರಂಜಿ ಭವನ,
1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಸ್ವಪುರಂ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560001.

ಸಂ: ಕೆಎಂಎಚ್/ಎಲ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಕ್ಯೂ/2414/2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.03.2025

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಸಬಾ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಲಿಂಗನಕಲ್ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 518-27½ ಎಕರೆ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣದ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಕೆಎಂಎಚ್ ರಾಯ್ಡ್ 1966 ಕಲಂ 28(4)ರಂತೆ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಿಎ 140 ಎಸ್‌ಎಚ್‌ಎಲ್ 2024 ದಿನಾಂಕ 01.10.2024 ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ 04.10.2024ರನ್ವಯ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಗಾಗಿ ಘಾಸ್ವಾಧೀನವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಎಂಎಚ್ ರಾಯ್ಡ್ ಕಲಂ 29(2)ರನ್ವಯ ಪರಿಹಾರ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 12.03.2025 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿನ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಭದರರ ಸಲಹಾ ಸಮಿತಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ದೀರ್ಘಕಾಲ ಅರಣ್ಯ,
ಎಲ್ ಅಂಡ್ ಬಿ ಪ್ರಾಕ್ಟೈಸ್ ಡವೆಲಪರ್ಸ್ - ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ರಸ್ತೆ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ- 561203

ಅಮದರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ 12.03.2025 ರಂದು ನಡೆಯುವ ಭೂದರ ಸಲಹಾ ಸಮಿತಿ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರು ಮಾತ್ರ ಹಾಜರಾಗಲು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-ವಿಶೇಷ ಘಾಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ-2, ಕೆಎಂಎಚ್(ವಿಎಂಎಚ್),
ಸ್ವಪುರಂ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

No. 16 C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagara, Bangalore-560052. Phone: 080-22268677/78/79 Fax: 080-22268667 Email: kerc-ka@nic.in Website: <https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in>

No: KERC-TR-24-2024-25/1613 Date: 07.03.2025

NOTICE

Sub: Issue of Draft Wheeling and Banking Agreement Format for Open Access Projects under Draft KERC (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) Regulations, 2025.

The Commission has issued Draft Wheeling and Banking Agreement (WBA) format with respect to above mentioned subject, for eliciting Views / Comments/ Objections / Suggestions from the Interested persons.

The draft WBA format is available on KERC's Website <https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in> Written Views / Comments / Objections/ Suggestions if any may be submitted to the **Secretary, KERC on or before 18.03.2025.**

The Commission will hold a public hearing in the matter on **19.03.2025 at 3.30 pm on Wednesday, in the Court Hall of the Commission** at first floor, 16C-1, Miller Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagar, Bangalore-560052.

Stakeholders / Interested persons are requested to attend the public hearing and submit views / comments / suggestions, before the Commission.

Sd/- Secretary

DIPR/CP/5566/2024-25 For Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPCL invites Bids/Tenders through Gok KPP Portal: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> for the following works.

SHARAVATHY HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT

1) KPCL/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT2531/CALL-3, Date: 06.03.2025. Annual Maintenance Contract of Smoke Detection & Fire Alarm Systems and Burglar Alarm system installed at Jog Central Stores for the period of one year. EMD: Rs. 6,000/-. Last date and time for receipt of tenders: **14.03.2025 upto 16:30Hrs.** Further details contact: **Executive Engineer (MSP)J, KPCL, Jogfalls-577435, Shivamogga District, Mobile No.: 9449598847.**

SHIMSHA HYDRO POWER STATION

1) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2388/CALL-2, Date: 28.02.2025. Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 4 Nos. of Submersible Pumps at Shimsha Hydro Electric Station(HES). EMD: Rs. 7,400/-. Work Completion period: **60 days.** Last date for submission /uploading the bid in e-portal: **15.03.2025 @ 16:00Hrs.** Further details contact: **Executive Engineer (O&M)Shimsha, KPCL, Shimshapura - 571430, Malavalli Taluk, Madya District. Mobile No.:09902835577, E-mail: eeshimshakpcl@gmail.com**

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT - I & II

1) KPCL/2024-25/GH/WORK_INDENT2051/CALL-3, Date: 04.03.2025. Maintenance repair of Unit -2 Penstock gate at Kadra Dam. Tender Amount: **Rs. 14,91,525/-**. EMD: **Rs. 37,500/-**

2) KPCL/2024-25/GH/WORK_INDENT1872/CALL-2, Date: 04.03.2025. Supply, installation and commission of various gates position indicator mechanism at Supa dam and Upper Kaneri dam. Tender Amount: **Rs. 7,90,000/-**. EMD: **Rs. 20,000/-**

3) KPCL/2024-25/GH/WORK_INDENT2047/CALL-2, Date: 04.03.2025. Supply and replacement of rubber seal for 18 numbers of draft tube gates at Kadra and Kodasalli dam. Tender Amount: **Rs. 9,11,340/-**. EMD: **Rs. 22,785/-** Last date and time for receipt of tenders: **13.03.2025 upto 16:00Hrs.** Further details contact: **Executive Engineer (Gates)Kali, KPCL, Kadra - 581396, Karwar Taluk, North Kanara District. Mobile No.: 914611350, E-mail: eegateskali@gmail.com**

4) KPCL/2024-25/DA/WORK_INDENT2602/CALL-2, Date: 03.03.2025. Annual Maintenance and upkeep of Surge Tank Sykes Point and protective works at hill slope behind NPH for a period of one year. Approx. Value of Works: **Rs.17.37 Lakhs** (Excluding GST only). EMD: **Rs. 43,500/-**. Contract period for completion of work: **12 months(Including monsoon).** Last date and time for receipt of tenders: As per e-procurement. Further details contact: **Executive Engineer (Civil)Nagihari, Dam & Power House, Ambikanagar - 581363, Dandeli Taluk, Karwar District. Mobile No.: 9449599109.**

MAHATMA GANDHI HYDRO ELECTRIC WORKS

1) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2621, Date: 01.03.2025. Providing polymer based high performance corrosion protection epoxy coating on external surface of the penstock from MIV side to TB # 5 at MGHE Works. Last date and time for on-line submission of tenders: **15.03.2025 @ 16:00Hrs.** Further details contact: **Executive Engineer (Mechanical Maintenance) MGHE, MGHEW, KPCL, Jogfalls - 577435, Sagara Taluk, Shivamogga District, Mobile No.: +91 914612716, E-mail: eemmghekpcl@karnataka.gov.in**

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
O & M Circle, Kunjibettu, Udipi - 576102
Ph: 0820 - 2525040 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

Ref. No. SEE/UDPI/EE/O&M-2/F-78/2024-25/6323 Date: 28.02.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

MESCOM, Udipi O&M Circle invites tenders from eligible Bidders/Agencies for the following services on Contract basis.

Sl.No	Description	Tender No.
1.	Providing 04 No.s of Security Guards service to MESCOM Karkala Divisional Store Building for a period of TWO years on Contract basis.	MESCOM/ 2024-25/SE0125

The bids will be received through Electronic (E-tendering) mode only. The details of tender notification can be obtained by logging on to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on or after **11.03.2025**. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), O&M Circle, UDUPI
For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

Government of Karnataka

KARNATAKA SCHOOL EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT BOARD

6th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003
Ph: 080-23349434, email: dpikseab@gmail.com
No: KSEAB/DPU/TS(MCT)/1/2025-BSEC/42870 Dt:10.03.2025.

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Director, P U Examinations, Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board, hereby invites tenders from eligible bidders for the "Supply of various types of pre-printed pass certificates, along with, resizing/portrait orientation/cropping of photos, over printing of variable data of the same pertaining to 2025 Second PU examination" as per K.T.P.P. Act 1999 and K.T.P.P. Rules, 2000 through e-procurement portal only. Tender document may be downloaded from Board website <https://kseab.karnataka.gov.in> or e-procurement website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Tender commences on **10.03.2025**, Tender pre-bid meeting on **17.03.2025 at 11.30 AM** in the office of the Director, Exams, last date for submission **25.03.2025 at 5.00 PM**, opening of technical bid on **27.03.2025 at 11.30 AM**, opening of commercial bid tentatively on **Rs. 29.03.2025 at 11.30 AM**, approximate value of tender is **Rs. 19,00,000/-**, tender EMD is **Rs. 38,000/-**. Further details can be obtained from the Board during office hours.

Sd/-Director, P U Exams.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

FRAZER TOWN-II BRANCH
PB No. 576, 23, Saunders Rd, Cleveland Town, Pulikeshi Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560005

NOTICE FOR EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION UNDER SECTION 13 (8) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE ACT")

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, FRAZER TOWN II BRANCH, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:

As you all are aware that the secured creditor has issued the Demand Notices, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on 31.12.2024, to the borrower 1. **M/s Gajan Shakti Motors**, No 762, Sri Ujani Siddeshwara Road, Near LIC Office, Hanraha S.O, Hanraha, Davangere, Karnataka, 577601, (Partner/ Guarantor) 2. **Mr Suresh C S/o D Chandrasekharappa**, #304, Radiant Enclave, Suncity Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560060, 3. **Mr Naveen Kumar M C/o Mani P**, 793 F No S-2, Shrihara Aasthi Narayana, 1 Block, D K SANDRA, Bangalore South, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru Karnataka-560062, (Guarantor/Mortgagor) 4. **Mr Jagadeesh S/o Galappa**, Bangalore North, Dasanapura Hobli, Kittana Halli, Bangalore, Karnataka-562130, demanding to pay an amount of **Rs 94,21,976.03** (Rupees Ninety Four Lakh Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Six and Paise Three Only) and interest stated thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

Since, the Borrowers / Firm, the mortgagors and the Guarantor (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic/Physical possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated **05.03.2025**. Further, the said symbolic/Physical possession notice was duly published in **KANNADA PRABHA** and **NEW INDIAN EXPRESS** newspapers on **07.03.2025**. To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability of **Rs 94,21,976.03** (Rupees Ninety Four Lakh Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Six and Paise Three Only) as on **31.12.2024**, plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets: By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or By inviting tenders from the public; or By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or By private treaty.

As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act or any other law in force.

Date : 10.03.2025 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Joint Commissioner (Dasarahalli), Welfare Division, MEI Layout, Bagalagunte, Hesarughatta Main Road, Bangalore-560073.

No. ಬಿಬಿಎಂಪಿ.ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಆರ್.ಎಲ್/ಬಿಎಂಆರ್/03/2024-25 Date:10.03.2025

SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT TENDER

(Through GOK KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only)

A Short-term tender is invited in Two cover system from Registered, Eligible and interested Non-Governmental Organizations as per the Transparency Act, policy 1999 and 2000, within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Dasarahalli zone, for the year 2024-25. The program is being implemented under the grant of the Shelter for the Homeless Sub-unit of the Day-Nold Project for the maintenance of Mallasandra Homeless Shelter Centre-1. in lieu of a reserved allocation amount of Rs. 8,58,697/- Lakhs each, for the Execution of the One (1) shelter centres to the homeless.

- Program Details**
- BBMP Building, Ward No-16 Mallasandra, Animal Health Clinic, Ground Floor Shettyhalli / Mallasandra Main Road, Bangalore-560057. Refugee Center Men.
 - BBMP Building, Ward No-16, Mallasandra, Veterinary Clinic First Floor, Mallasandra and Shettyhalli Main Road, Bangalore-57. Refugee Center Men.
 - BBMP Building, Ward No-19 Chokkasandra Sub-Revenue Officer Office Building, T. Dasarahalli, Tumkur Road, Bangalore-57. Refugee Center Men
 - Ward No-22 Peenya Industrial Area, Community Bhavan, No 358/359, 3rd Main Road, Shivapura Colony, Peenya 3rd Phase, Bangalore-58. Refugee Center Men

Tender amount for each work (in Rs. lakhs) : **8.59**, EMD amount for each work (in Rs.) : **21,467/-**.

1) Tender documents can be downloaded from Government of Karnataka E-Procurement. Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/portal/index.seam> under login to contractors from **11.03.2025 onwards**. 2) Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries: **up to 14.03.2025 11:00AM**.

3) Date and Time of Pre-bid Meeting: Date: **15.03.2025 at 02:30 PM**, 4) Last Date and Time for uploading: **up to 20.03.2025, 5:00PM**. 5) Date and Time of Online Opening: **21.03.2025, 5:10PM**

Sd/- Joint Commissioner (Dasarahalli), BBMP

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identification Number (CIN): U40109P 820 10SG00

TELANGANA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
"Tourism House" # 3-5-891, Himayathnagar, Hyderabad - 500029.

e-Procurement Tender Notice No.12/EE/SD/TOTDC/2024-25 Dated: 10.03.2025

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Est. Cost Rs. in Lakhs	Bid downloading start date
1	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of Passenger Ropeway System at Bhongir Fort, Telangana on Turnkey Basis.	1792.42	11.03.2025

Bids are invited on e-procurement platform from eligible contractors. Further details can be seen @ eprocurement.market place www.tendertelanganam.gov.in.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, TOTDC Ltd., Hyderabad
DPR R.O.No.1163/PP/CL/Advt/1/2024-25, Dt: 10/03/2025

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number 96461-07151)

Tender Inquiry no. 654/GHTP/EMC/SSMC-170/Vo/VIII Dated: 07/03/2025

Dy. Chief Engineer / Electrical Maintenance Circle, Guru Hargobind Thermal Plant, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for Breakdown periodical & preventive maintenance of building lighting, street lighting, security lighting and allied equipment like cabling, junction boxes, control panels etc. in plant area (Except OHP) of Stage-I & II & electrical maintenance of the Lake View Guest House, Field Hostel GNDPT, Bathinada under Sub-Station Mtc. Cell as per detailed scope in Tender Specifications for a period of one year on lump-sum basis. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 10/03/2025 from 11:00 am onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board
Office of the Chief Engineer
Jelamandali Compound, Sir. M. Vivekavara Road, Dharwad - 580001
Phone No. 0836-2447090 E-mail: kwbce@gmail.com

CORRIGENDUM

Name of work: Providing short term measures for Under Ground Drainage System to Karwar city under NGT with O and M for 5 years of the UGD System including defect liability period of one year (7th CALL) Work Indent No. **KUWSDB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT/303**. Bid Notification No. 1951, Date: 03-02-2025 News papers on 08-02-2025. Published in "Pravasi", "Hosadigantha" (Karnataka Edition) & "The New Indian Express" (All India Edition) Attention is invited to the above Bid Notification. The Calendar of events are amended as under:

1) Last Date & Time for Bid Submission: 25-03-2025 up to 17.30 Hours.
2) Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bids: 28-03-2025 after 11.00 Hours. The other information in the Notification remains unaltered.

Sd/- Chief Engineer,
KUWS & D Board, Dharwad.
DIPR/Dharwad/1087/Advt/2024-25

Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation: Ballari Division: Ballari.
No. KKRT : BLR : TR : COMM : 3017 : 2024-25
Date: 07-03-2025.

E-Tender Notification No: 03/2025

Applications are invited through e-procurement for selecting licensee to commercial stalls/open place and hoarding advertisement in front of Siruguppa Depot coming under KKRTC Ballari Division, Ballari. Interested bidder can download notification through "<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>" and instructed to read and understanding the terms and conditions before submit online application. The bidders must submit their documents and EMD amount through E-Portal Only. (DD/Cash will not accepted for EMD and other fees). Application can submitted till 29-03-2025 at 17:00 hrs. E-Tender will be opened on 01-04-2025 after 12:00 hrs. The Corporation reserves the right to accept, reject or without any notice select the bidders or postpone or modify or cancel the e-tender/manual tender notifications. For more details visit online portal or Divisional Traffic Officer, Ballari (Mobile No. 77609 92152).

Sd/- Divisional Contoller,
KKRTC : Ballari Division : Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/1008/KSMCA/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed not to transact schedule property with Smt. JAYAMMA K. wife of Late C.G. Giryappa, C.G. ASHA PREMNATH & C.G. PRAKASH, children of Late C.G. Giryappa, who are attempting to alienate schedule property in which my client Smt. KAVITHA RAMARAJU, D/o. Late C.G. Giryappa, R/lat Flat No.802, 8th Floor, Tower-4B, Godrej Woodsman Estate, Kempapura, Bengaluru-92, is having 1/4th undivided right, title, interest & share which is a joint family property.

Any person's intending to purchase the schedule property without the consent and concurrence of my client will be doing so at his/her their cost and peril.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Residential property No.41, 11th Cross, PID No.24-49-41, Lakshminarayana, Erappa Block, Sirampura, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 60 ft, consisting of residential building, bounded on East by Lingaiah's Property, West by Kariyappa's Property, North by Conservancy & South by Road.

S. RAMESH KUMAR, Advocate
231, 1 Floor, Lakshmi Nivasa,
S.C. Road, Gandhinagar,
Bengaluru - 560009. M: 9845359588
Bengaluru, Dated: 11.03.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients 1. **Mr. AMIR FARAZ**, S/o Mr. Mohammed Mohsin Ali Ansari, Residing at No.27/7-7, MTB Cross Road, Chinnaswamy Mudaliar Garden, Kalasipalyam, Bangalore-560002. 2. **Mr. AZGAR ALI KHAN**, (Mobile No.7795016271) S/o. Mr. Mukhtar Ahmed Khan, Residing at Fl No.312, Third Floor, Maahi Residency No.8/1, 2nd Main, M.M. Layout, Kavalayrasandra, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 032, and 3. **Mrs. MUSTAF KHAMUM**, D/o Mr. Afrose Pasha A., Residing at No.27/7-7, MTB Road, Kalsipalyam, Bangalore-560 002, Intends to purchase the Immovable Property bearing Site No.11, Old Katha No.1025, Assessment No.6/3, now having BBMP Katha No.489/11, situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now falling under the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.24, Hennur, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South: 50 Feet in all total area Measuring 1500 Sq. ft. bounded on the East by: Site No.10, West by: Site No.12, North by: Private Property, South by: 25 Feet Wide Road, which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property", from 1.**Mrs. SUMARANIL**, W/o Late Vijaya Krishna M., 2. **Master AAKARSH KRISHNA V.**, S/o Late Vijaya Krishna M., 3. **Master AAKANK SHA V.**, S/o Late Vijaya Krishna M., Nos.2 & 3 being Minors represented by represented by their Natural Guardian and Mother **Mrs. SUMARANIL**, all are residing at No.28/1, 11th 'A' Cross S.P. Extension, Sudeendra Nagar, Bangalore-560 003. Any person having any right, title or interest in the schedule property must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereon within **7 (Seven) days** of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that no person has any right, title or interest in the schedule property and on the basis that the schedule property are unencumbered, our client shall proceed with the transaction.

Yours Faithfully
FARHEEN
ADVOCATE
Legal Associates, No. 535, 4th 'A' Cross, M.M. Layout Kavalayrasandra, R.T.Nagar Post BANGALORE-560032
9740018968.

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Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in
Mobile No. 96461-55525

Open E-Tender Enq. No. 7665/P-3/EMP-12952 dated 07.03.2025

Dy.Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSPT, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. ID: 2025_POWER_136129_1 for Procurement of Spares for Seal Assy. Set for Hot air gases of Bowl mills of stage-II & III of GGSSPT Ropar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 07.03.2025/ 05.00 PM onwards.

Note: - Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

219/RTP-28-25-3/10/2025
76155/12/3992/2023/42395

Government of Karnataka
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PANCHAYAT RAJ
ENGINEERING PROJECT DIVISION KALABURAGI

No : EE/RDPRE/PD/KLB/KKRDB /TS/TND/2024-25/1108 Date :06/ 03 /2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement Two Cover System)

1) Name of work: Construction of B.T. Road and CDs from Siddapur (B) Village to Kaldavanahalli in Hunasagi Taluka Yadgir District (YAD2415122351) Macro (TSP) for the year 2024-25 Indent No. KRRDA/2024-25 /RD/WORK_INDENT-201 2) Head of account: KKRDB for the 2024-25 3) Amount put to tender: Indent No.201 Rs. 1,92,80,564.32 4) Class of Contractor: Class-III & above 5) Issue of Blank Tender Documents: 06-03-2025 to 17-03-2025 upto 4.00 pm 6) Tender Form Fee: As per Eprocurement Norms 7) E.M.D. Fee: Indent No.201: Rs. 2,89,500.00 8) Receipt of completed tender documents: 06-03-2025 to 17-03-2025 upto 4.00 pm 9) Technical Bid Opening Date: 18-03-2025 After 4.00 pm 10) Financial Bid opening Date: 21-03-2025 After 11.00 pm 11) For more details contact: Office of the Executive Engineer, R.D. P.R.E. Project Division Rajapur Road Kalaburagi 12) Website Address: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
R.D. P.R.E. Project Division Kalaburagi

DIP/YDG/558/KSMC&A/2024-25

Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)
Registered Office : No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.

POSSESSION NOTICE (U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with (Rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the below mentioned Borrowers to repay the total outstanding amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Since the below mentioned Borrowers having failed to repay the below stated amount within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the below mentioned borrowers and the public in general that, the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule mentioned properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited and further interest and other charges thereon." The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets."

SR NO	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Symbolic possession taken date
1.	Branch : UTTRAHALI L. No.: EMBFIBUTH0073108 & ELPBUTH0073109 Borrower : MR. J. VASU Co-Borrower : MRS. D SUNITHA	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Flat bearing No.FF-1 in 1st Floor of the multi storied building known as "SS SUNSHINE" with super built up area 1195 Sq., Feet with one covered car parking space with UDS 240 Sq., Feet Formed in Old No.69/195, Site No.69, Property Register No.191, Present BBMP Katha No.191/69/195 formed in Sy.No.2/1, in the layout Dwarakanagara, converted for residential purpose vide conversion no. ALN (SR/02/96-97) situated at Channarayana village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District bounded on: North by: Site No.63, South by: Road, East by: Site No.68, West by: Site No.70, Measurement: super built up area 1195 Sq.ft. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of BASAVANAGUDI (CHAMARAJAPETE) and Registration District of Bangalore.	11-12-2024 & 53,01,250/-	05-03-2025
2.	Branch : Peenya L. No.: SEPEEYAO161889 Borrower : MRS. RATHNAMMA Co-Borrower : MR. GOVINDARAJU C	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Item No.2, Site No.62, Katha No.1731, formed in Converted Sy.No.20/1, formed in Converted Sy.No.20/1, Vide Conversion order No. ALN (S-7-2) SR-84/11-12, Dt.20-1-2012 issued by D.C. Bangalore District, Situated at Peddannaipalya Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South (34-40.6)/2ft, Total extent of 1492 Sq.ft. bounded on: North by: Site No.61, South by: Road, East by: Road, West by: Site No.63, Measurement: East to West 40 ft and North to South (34-40.6)/2 ft, Total extent of 1492 Sq.ft., Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Jayanagara (J.P.Nagar) and Registration District of Bangalore.	11-12-2024 & 10,47,183/-	05-03-2025

Date - 11.03.2025, Place - Bangalore Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Raipur (C.G.)
e-Procurement Tender Notice
Main Portal: <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> (1st Call)

NIT NO:537/NNR/Electrical/RMC/2025 RAIPUR DATED: 07.03.2025

Sr. No	System Tender No.	Name of Work	Amount of the Estimate (In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Form	Earnest Money Deposit (In Lacs)	Eligible class of contract or/firm	Time Allowed for Completion	SOR Applicable
1	165750	नगरपालिका निगम रायपुर के 09 खोल मैदान में हाईमास्ट लाईट स्थापना कार्य।	589.91 Lac	3000.00	5,00,000.00	"B" ABOVE	09 Month	PWD ELECTRIC ALSOR 2020

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh e-Procurement Portal <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> from 07.03.2025 17:30 Hours (IST) on wards.

NOTE: -
For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above-mentioned portal.
1. All eligible/interested contractors are mandated to get enrolled on e-Procurement portal.
2. Contractors can contact Help Desk for any clarification of their doubts regarding the process of Electronic Procurement System. Help Desk at Toll Free No. 18002582502 or through Email ID helpdesk.eproc@cgswan.gov.in
3. For More Details please download NIT details.
4. Contact no. 7898844336

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
RAIPUR (C.G.)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. SEE/Proj/KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/24-25/6450 Date:07.03.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bids for the following works in Office of the Superintending Engineer (Ele), Projects, KPTCL, Kalaburagi

(1) Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/Proj/KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/2024-25/110kV Moratagi-Afzalpur, Dated: 07.03.2025. Tender for the work of "Conducting detailed survey for the work of Re-construction of existing 110 kV Moratagi-Afzalpur SC line by new 110kV DC line with Lynx conductor for a distance of about 21kms in Kalaburagi District based on modern survey techniques."

(2) Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/ Proj /KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/2024-25/110kV Habsikote- Yakatpur, Dated: 07.03.2025 Tender for the work of "Conducting detailed survey for the work of Construction of 110kV SC link line on DC/SC towers from 110kV Habsikote Sub-Station to 110kV Yakatpur Sub Station for a distance of about 15kms along with 110kV TBs at both ends in Bidar Dist, based on modern survey techniques."

(3) Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/ Proj /KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/2024-25/220kV Hattigudur-Lingasugur DC LILO line, Dated: 07.03.2025 Tender for the work of "Conducting preliminary & detailed survey for Construction of 220kV DC LILO line from existing 220kV Hattigudur - Lingasugur DC line to proposed 220kV Kembhavi station for a distance of about 42 kms in Yadgir Dist. based on the Modern Survey Techniques"

(4) Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/ Proj /KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/2024-25/220kV Hattigudur-Lingasugur SC to DC line conversion Dated: 07.03.2025. Tender for the work of "Conducting detailed survey for Conversion of existing 220kV Hattigudur - Lingasugur SC line to DC line for a distance of about 73 kms for proposed 220kV Kembhavi Sub Station in Yadgir Dist. based on modern survey techniques."

(5) Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/ Proj /KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/2024-25/110kV Devapur-Shorapur LILO line, Dated: 07.03.2025 Tender for the work of "Conducting preliminary & detailed survey for Construction of 110 kV LILO line from existing 110kV Devapur-Shorapur line for a distance of about 50 kms in Yadgir Dist. based on the modern survey techniques"

(6) Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/Proj/KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/2024-25/110kV Hunasagi -Kodekal line, Dated: 07.03.2025 Tender for the work of "Conducting detailed survey for construction of 110 kV new SC link line on DC towers using Lynx conductor from 110kV Hunasagi to proposed 110kV Sub Station Kodekal for a distance of about 18 kms in Shorapur Taluk and Yadagir Dist. based on modern survey techniques."

The bids will be received through E-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> on hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on or after 15.03.2025. Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Projects, KPTCL,
Prasarana Bhavana, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP HAL Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 017
(Phone: 080 2508-4184, 4156)
BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Sl.No	Description	Details
1	Name of work	Repair to the existing firefighting line at AITF-1 and Extending fire hydrants in service area and parking area at ISITE Campus, URSC, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037.
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/CTN/43/2024-25 dated: 06.03.2025
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 23.70 Lakhs
4	Tender Document details	E-Tender
5	Period of completion	THREE MONTHS
6	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 47,400/-
7	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 09.30 hrs on 11.03.2025 to 16.30 hrs on 24.03.2025
8	Bid clarification	From 10.30 hrs on 12.03.2025 to 17.00 hrs on 25.03.2025
9	Last date of reply to Bid Clarification	Upto 17.00 hrs on 26.03.2025
10	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Upto 14.30 hrs on 27.03.2025
11	Due date and time of opening of tenders	14.30 hrs Onwards on 27.03.2025

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizd.com/ISRO
Sd/-, Group Director, C&MG

THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
H. O : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Ph- 080-23342713/23342323, E-Mail : mcb_mail@yahoo.com, Website : www.mcb.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Malleswaram Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Malleswaram Branch for an amount mentioned below together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor Name and Address : (1) Sri Satish Kumar B N S/o Late Narayana Gowda, (2) SmtSushma Satish Kumar W/o Satish Kumar B N, (3) Sri Mohan Kumar K R S/o Ramaswamy K G, (4) Smt Priyanka S W/o Mohan Kumar K R, All are Residing at: No.119, Samrudhi, 13th Main Road, M C Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore 560040.

Demand Notice : 06/12/2024 Possession Notice Dated: 03.03.2025

Balance outstanding : Rs.1,74,86,970/- [Rupees One Crore Seventy Four Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Only] as on 28/02/2025 and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing No.119, Kempapura Agrahara Dhakale, 30th Division, Hosahalli, The Binny Mill Labor Associations House Building Co-operative Society Ltd, Private Layout, Situated at Govindarajanagar, Now comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, Old Ward No.35, New Ward No.125, Marenahalli, 13th Main Road, 1st Stage, Bangalore City Corporation, PID No.35-114-119 including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, constructed the site measuring East To West: 30-00 Feet, North To South : 50-00 Feet, Total Measuring: 1500-00 Sq Feet and bounded as follows East By: Site No.118, West By: Site No.120, North By: Site No.112, South By: Road.

2. Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor Name and Address : (1) Sri Ramesh B S/o Late B Boraiah, (2) Smt. Shilpa B R W/o Ramesh B, Both Are Residing At: No 66/1, 12th b Cross Agrahara Dasarahalli Bangalore North Basaveshwaranagara Bangalore-560079.

Demand Notice : 18/12/2024 Possession Notice Dated: 03.03.2025

Balance outstanding: Rs.64,82,394/- [Rupees Sixty Four lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Three hundred and Ninety Four only] as on 28/02/2025 and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the Eastern Portion of the Property Bearing No.52, Present No.66/1, Dr. Rajkumar BBMP Ward No.106, BBMP 2nd Division, Situated at Magadi Main Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli Village, Bengaluru PID No.21-77-66/1. Including all Rights, Privileges and Appurtenances thereto, constructed the site measuring, East To West : 16-04.1/2 Feet, North To South : 90 Feet and bounded as follows East By : Property of Narayan Shetty, West By : Western Portion of the Property belongs to Balairaj Bearing No.5, Present No.52-56, North By : Road, South By : Magadi Main Road.

3. Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor Name and Address : 1.Sri.Narasimha Murthy N B S/O Bylappa 2.Sri. Bylappa S/O Late Doddamaniyappa 3.Smt. Bylamma W/O Bylappa All are residing at No. 10, 3rd Cross Road, Behind Govt School, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073.

Demand Notice : 10/09/2024 Possession Notice Dated: 07.03.2025

Balance outstanding: Rs.1,05,66,095/- [Rupees One Crore Five lakhs Sixty Six thousand and Ninety Five Only] as on 28/02/2025 and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Immovable Property Bearing No 11, Katha No 11, Situated At Nagasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Including All Rights, Privileges And Appurtenances Thereto, Constructed The Site Measuring: East To West: 40 Feet North To South : 30 Feet Total Area : 1200 Sq Feet And Bounded As Follows East By : Govt Primary School Building, West By : Bylappa s/o Doddamaniyappa's Property, North By : Vacant Property Belong's To Srinivas, South By : N B Narasimha Murthy's Property & 6 Feet Passage Leads To Bylappa's Property(Passage Leads To Govt. Road) :

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

Date : 07.03.2025
Place: Bangalore

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41/2, Ground Floor, Vijaya Tower, M.G. Road, Trinity Circle, Bengaluru-560001
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Brigade Road Branch

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A[See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, The Secured Creditor, will be sold on 28.03.2025 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower/s/ Mortgagor/s/ and Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/- Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrowers, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s	Detailed Description of the Immovable Property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD Amount, Bid Increase Amount & Last date of EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Interest Date & Time
1	1) Mrs. Elizabeth Antony Raj W/o Mr.Antony Raj, and 2) Mr.Antony Raj S/o Mr. Chinnappa, Both are Residing at H. No.66/78, Near Church, Bannerghatta Road, Chikkamanahalli, Guttigere, Bengaluru-560083, and also at : Flat No. 315, 'A' Block, Third Floor, 'Pruthvi Royal' Apartments, Survey No.43, Guttigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560076.	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property being the Converted property bearing Survey No.43, presently bearing No.220/43, situated BBMP at Guttigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP ward No.192, measuring 1 acre and 14 guntas vide order bearing No.ALN(S.U)SR.174/2010-11, dated 03.05.2011 and bounded: On the East by : Land bearing Survey No.61 (Quarry) On the West by : Private Property, On the North by : Land bearing Survey No.44 and Road. On the South by : Himagiri Properties (Survey Nos. 42 and 130) SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 208.15 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in the Schedule 'A' Property. SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.315, on the Third (3rd) Floor, in 'A' Block, in the Residential Apartment building known as "PRUTHVI ROYAL", apartments, having Super Built Up Area measuring 807.66 Square Feet, constructed on the Schedule 'A' property, together with One Covered Car parking space and bounded on the: East by: 'B' Block, West by: Corridor & Flat No.303, North by: Flat No.314, South by: Flat No.316.	Rs. 30,79,287.67 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Seven and Paise Sixty Seven Only) as on 28.02.2025 Plus further interest and charges till date.	28.03.2025 From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Reserve Price Rs.27,00,000/- EMD: Rs. 2,70,000/- Bid Increment Amount Rs.25,000/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 27/03/2025 upto 5.00 PM	Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from authorized officer
2	1) Mr. Dayanand Arun Patil S/o. Late. Arun Patil, Pruthvi Builders and Developers, 29/2, Senaipalli Complex, Hulimavu Gate, Bannerghatta, Bengaluru-560076, And also at: H.No.12, Bijjanwadi, Tuljapur, Osmanabad Dist, Maharashtra-413601. And also at: H.No. 38/25/2, Guttigere, B G Road, Bengaluru-560083, And also at: Flat No.214, 'A' Block Pruthvi Royal Apartments, Guttigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, 2) Mrs. Sindhu Bhai Patil, H.No.38/25/2, Guttigere, B G Road, Bengaluru- 560083, And also at: H.No.12, Bijjanwadi, Tuljapur, Osmanabad Dist, Maharashtra-413601, 3) Mr. Pruthviraj S S/o P Shankar, No.37, 2nd Cross, Jambusavardindine, J P Nagar, 8th Phase, Bengaluru-560076, And also at: 29/2, Senaipalli Complex, Hulimavu Gate, Bannerghatta, Bengaluru-560076, 4) Mr. Sarathi S S/o Shyamanna, # 83/2, Shree Ghati Subramanya Swamy Nilaya, 5th Cross, Doddamma Layout, Hulimavu, B G Road, Bengaluru-560076, 5) Sri. John Prakash S/o, Chinnappa No.100, Ward No.192, 4th Cross, Near Sapthagiri Apartment, MLA Layout Main Road, Kalena Agrahara, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560076.	All that piece and parcel of Property being Residential Flat No.214 in A-Block on the Second Floor, Residential Apartment building Known as "Pruthvi Royal" Apartments, having Super Built up Area measuring 824.04 Square Feet, alongwith 212.37 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title interest and ownership alongwith One covered Car parking space, constructed in Land bearing converted Sy.No.43 (Vide order No. ALN (S.U) SR174/2010-11 dated 03.05.2011, measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 14 Guntas of Kharab, situated at Guttigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on the East by: 'B' Block, West by: Corridor and Flat No.205, North by: Lift / Stair case, South by: Flat No.215.	Rs. 30,40,901.56 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Forty Thousand Nine Hundred and One and Paise Fifty Six Only) as on 28-02-2025 Plus further interest and charges till date.	28.03.20			



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— Ramnath Goenka

ROHIT & COMPANY: ONE OF THE BEST WHITE BALL TEAMS

NDIA'S long wait is finally over. As they donned the signature white blazers and lifted the Champion's trophy on a starry Sunday night in Dubai, Rohit Sharma and his men became the first Indian team since M S Dhoni's 2013 side to win a 50-over International Cricket Council title. What augurs well is the way India won on Dubai's slow wickets. Though the advantage India had with playing all their games at one venue has been much discussed, it was evident from the way they dominated against all teams showed the Men in Blue were superior in their craft and guile. Glimpses of their prowess had been on display at moments over the last decade, but the final clincher had eluded them. With this, less than a year after the T20 World Cup win, this bunch can claim to be one of the best white ball teams. The secret lies in the depth this team has even without the injured Jasprit Bumrah.

It was fitting that Rohit, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja—the three surviving members of the 2013 squad—came full circle to lift another trophy. It could prolong the careers of two of India's finest cricketers, Kohli and Rohit, who were under the scanner. With head coach Gautam Gambhir overseeing the transition, this is the format where the trio is still thriving. On Sunday, they made it clear that they were not sauntering into the sunset. What makes this win even more special is the way the next generation rose to the occasion. Shubman Gill, K L Rahul, Shreyas Iyer, Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel have bided their time for permanent berths on the ship. Now it would be hard to look past them as they form the core group around which the ODI team is built.

It's not about youngsters alone. Varun Chakravarty had a second coming at the age of 33 to become a champion in a format in which he made his debut last month. Mohammed Shami made a comeback to win his first ICC title. This win will also boost the cricket board's confidence in the new coaching staff under Gambhir, who had a few rough months in the longest format. The former India captain's tenure is till the next ODI World Cup. This win will allow him and the selectors to evaluate where the seniors stand and how to build the strongest team for 2027.

OVERHAUL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS FOR POOR KIDS

THE state of affairs at the residential schools run by its ST and SC Development, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare department must alarm the Odisha government. Going by minister Nityananda Gond's reply in the ongoing assembly session, at least 26 students have died in these institutions since last July. Disturbingly, six of the deaths were by suicide. When a 13-year-old student of a model school in Sundargarh skipped half the classes and died by suicide in the hostel kitchen in December, his body was not found till several hours later. The way the hostels have been managed is shocking. As this newspaper has reported, some hostelites have died of snake bites and malaria. In a girls' school in Koraput district, a student infected with malaria was left unattended for hours in the sick room on successive days in August. In the absence of any four-wheeler, an indisposed student in Rayagada district had to be carried on a bike. Such heart-breaking stories abound in the state's tribal residential schools.

About 5.7 lakh students study at 1,760 residential institutions in Odisha. Most of the kids come from extremely distressed socio-economic backgrounds and are enrolled in the hope for a better environment that can provide education, a balanced diet and adequate health support. But apathy and mismanagement have left them in a lurch. Many of these schools do not have permanent headmasters and teachers are forced to supervise hostel maintenance. At times, kids have been left in the care of cooks and attendants. The accommodations are overwhelmed by grossly inadequate staffing, with adequate attention paid only when things go south. Girls, who form a large share at these schools, face even more challenging conditions despite guidelines specified for their safety. Last month, a class 10 girl delivered a baby on a hostel rooftop in Malkangiri and, till it was discovered, her pregnancy had remained undetected.

This government might have inherited much of this rot from the previous dispensation. But that must not be an alibi to let things stay rotten. The BJP, which touts the prominence it accords tribals, must see to it that the system gets an overhaul and the underprivileged students' lives are protected.

QUICK TAKE

LET THE TRUCE HOLD

UTTING off electricity in a devastated territory is the latest war crime Israel is committing in Gaza. It makes life impossible for those returning to their razed towns as electricity powers the desalination plant providing water to central and southern Gaza. For all postures and purposes, Israel seems unwilling to move to the more lasting second phase of the three-phase peace deal it nodded to under American gaze, though its parliament later ratified only the first part that enforced a temporary ceasefire. The mediators from Egypt, Qatar and the US converging in Doha to revive the deal must impress upon Israel that the world cannot witness a resumption of carnage.

FUNDAMENTAL changes in a superpower's outlook and its altered perception about any major geopolitical issue can have a profound effect in international relations where conflict resolution or initiation is involved. We are in a time when the world is eagerly looking towards an evolving order that would enable a winding down of confrontation and return of growth. The Trump administration's geopolitical outlook signals such a fundamental change.

There is no doubt that the first of those conflicts whose winding down will trigger more positives for the world is the Ukraine war, now into its third year. There are situations competing for attention, such as the Gaza war and tensions in the Indo-Pacific, besides geo-economic issues. However, the US President has correctly focused on Ukraine first. West Asian affairs involving Gaza, Iran, Syria and Israel are parts of a larger legacy issue. The breakout of more violence in the region will no doubt have a telling effect. Yet, Ukraine's war involves a former superpower—now a big power—in a region where nuclear weapons are ranged and 32 other countries are in an alliance.

At a recent meeting with NATO defence secretaries, the new US defence secretary Pete Hegseth stated that Ukraine cannot join NATO; this is in line with the Russian demand too. It reflects the current US administration's stance on a fundamental issue that is a complete reversal from the previous administration's stance. However, this position does not, in itself, resolve the conflict, as other critical issues such as territorial disputes and security guarantees remain unresolved. But this single belief about the inevitability of Ukraine's membership in NATO is what led to the war in the first place. Now without this issue, what constitutes obstacles to peace needs examination.

The first obstacle is that of territorial disputes and constitutional barriers. Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and four additional Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson in 2022 has created a constitutional impasse, making any negotiations over their status exceedingly difficult. Ukraine's constitution upholds its territorial integrity, leaving little room for a compromise without a legal transgression. The referendums held by Russia in those regions were widely condemned as illegitimate by Ukraine and the international community.

Of course, none of this comes in the way of a ceasefire, which can always be

By taking Ukraine's NATO membership off the table, the US is trying to assuage one of Russia's main concerns. But there's much more at stake now

WHY CEASEFIRE IN UKRAINE MAY NOT MEAN PEACE

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negotiated given the large-scale suffering and needless military pressure coming currently from the Russian side as a psychological message that Putin has the will and the means to continue the war.

The second barrier is about the divergent preconditions for negotiation. Russia demands that Ukraine cede control over the annexed regions and abandon its aspirations to join NATO. Conversely, Ukraine insists on the complete withdrawal of Russian forces from its territory and restoration of its pre-2014 borders. These mutually exclusive positions have led to a stalemate, with both sides unwilling to concede on these critical issues.

There is yet no certainty about the future of US-Europe security relations. As of March 9, the Trump administration

had not explicitly called for NATO allies to cease all military assistance to Ukraine. However, the recent US policy shifts indicate a move toward reducing direct support for Ukraine and encouraging European nations to take on a more substantial role in providing aid.

The US recently ordered an indefinite pause on all US military aid to Ukraine, expressing dissatisfaction with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's commitment to peace negotiations with Russia. This suspension affects over \$1 billion in arms and ammunition that were slated for delivery. Based on subsequent and more congenial communication with Zelenskyy, there is no doubt these will get released. But it is clear that Trump's approach is radical and disruptive with an intent to send a

INDIA NEEDS TO KEEP ITS DEFICIT TARGET FLEXIBLE

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growth states like Maharashtra and Gujarat require greater flexibility to fund infrastructure expansion. Given that states are responsible for nearly 60 percent of total public expenditure, revising the policy to accommodate state-specific growth needs is crucial.

To ensure better planning, India needs to shift towards zero-based budgeting



A rigid fiscal deficit target of 3% ignores regional differences and forces governments to focus less on investments that yield long-term growth. Developed countries use flexible policies to fund growth when needed. A sovereign fund like Singapore's GIC can be used to finance development projects

(ZBB). Unlike traditional budgeting, where past expenditures dictate future allocations, ZBB requires the government to justify every rupee spent from scratch. This approach would help eliminate wasteful expenditure, prioritise high-impact projects and improve accountability.

India should also explore innovative ways to finance deficits without increasing the debt burden. Encouraging private sector investments in infrastructure and public services through more partnerships can reduce the fiscal burden while ensuring better efficiency in project execution. India currently ranks 63rd in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index, indicating a large room for improvement.

Norway and Singapore successfully use sovereign wealth funds to fund long-term development. India could allocate part of its \$615-billion foreign exchange reserves to such a fund to finance infrastructure and technology projects. Allowing financially strong states to borrow more for productive investments while keeping strict oversight on weaker states would create a balanced and sustainable fiscal approach.

The government can lease or sell underused assets such as land, buildings and infrastructure to raise funds without increasing debt. The National Monetisation Pipeline aims to generate ₹6 lakh crore by leasing assets over 4 years. A more efficient and transparent GST framework can enhance state revenues, reducing the need for excessive borrowing.

A critical aspect of fiscal policymaking is the accuracy of economic indicators. Former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian has argued that India's GDP has been overestimated in recent years, with actual growth rates likely 2.5 percentage points lower than that officially reported. If true, this overestimation significantly affects fiscal calculations, as GDP projections determine deficit ratios. An inflated GDP masks the real fiscal stress, leading to misguided policy decisions and underestimation of risks. This discrepancy can lead to higher borrowings, with policymakers assuming a stronger repayment capacity than what truly exists.

Fiscal deficit targets should vary in the 3.5-4.5 percent range based on growth and capital investment needs. The focus should shift from revenue expenditure to infrastructure, healthcare and education. ZBB should be implemented to reassess spending priorities each year. Greater accountability in government spending can be ensured by involving independent audits and public scrutiny.

Instead of blindly following a rigid rule, fiscal policies must be tailored to the needs and regional potential. Only then can India strike the right balance between economic stability and rapid development.

(Views are personal)

strong message to all stakeholders and create grounds for US dominance at all subsequent meetings despite professing a 'hands off' Europe' policy.

The first meeting between the US and Russia in Saudi Arabia faced much international criticism, which was unwarranted. As an administration seeking to establish peace in one of the tensest regions of the world, I suppose the US was right in listening to Russia to establish the terms for future talks and obtain greater clarity. The absence of Ukraine was appropriate, to the extent that these were not peace negotiations but just a fact-exchanging platform that may have gone awry with Ukraine's presence.

The next round, with Ukraine present, will probably be a greater exercise in obtaining clarity and exploring avenues to resolve the conflict. It would discuss potential assurances for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. It may also address financial aid and reconstruction efforts for war-affected regions in Ukraine.

Meanwhile, the US's change of approach has led to considerable turbulence in the European theatre. Instead of caving down, a more agitated response appears to have emerged. German chancellor-in-waiting Friedrich Merz marked a moment of fundamental change in Europe's defence strategy—he collaborated with the Social Democrats to revise fiscal policies, enabling substantial borrowing for defence and infrastructure. This step proves Germany's commitment to enhancing its military capabilities and leading Europe's defence initiatives.

French President Emmanuel Macron has proposed extending France's nuclear deterrence to European partners, a move welcomed by nations like Poland and the Baltic states, but criticised by Russia. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen unveiled the 'ReArm Europe' plan, aiming to mobilise up to €800 billion to strengthen the EU's military capabilities and reduce reliance on external allies.

The US is attempting to message Russia that NATO is not threat to it, but the European nations are showing little trust in either of them. As they bolster their defence capabilities, the trust deficit appears only increasing by the day. Can the US afford to detach itself from European security? A ceasefire is no guarantee that the next steps to peace will follow. Many a time, it just withers away. Peace in Ukraine appears yet a far cry.

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Taking responsibility

Ref: *Good governance should not be so slippery* (Mar 10). Owning responsibility for an error is the least we can expect from elected representatives. Sadly, that is vanishing even from the social strata. 'You learn from your mistakes' is the golden rule a teacher teaches. This ensures a sense of honesty in society. Unfortunately, only a good student would remember what was taught. **Prahlad Chebbi, Dharwad**

Railway incompetence

The Indian Railways links people of all states. Though accidents do occur, a failure to identify the causes exposes the incompetence of the railway ministry. How many years are we going to say 'colonial mindset' instead of accountability-based administrative reforms to punish incompetent, corrupt officials? **Jayachandran C, Chennai**

Manipur's troubles

Ref: *Day after fresh violence, shutdown cripples life in Manipur's Kuki districts* (Mar 10). The president's rule was imposed in the state on February 13 and it is unfortunate that even after one month, peace and stability remain elusive. The Centre has been making light of the issue for too long and any decision taken without consulting the warring communities shall fail to muster their support. **Aanya Singhal, Noida**

India's teamwork

Ref: *From Dubai with love* (Mar 10). Michael Jordan's quote, "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships," sums up India's victory in the cricket Champions Trophy. While individual talent is important, teamwork and intelligence are essential for long-term success. **TS Karthik, Chennai**

Cricket spirit

In the last three ICC events, team India displayed an indomitable spirit. The pragmatic squad selection, the conducive environment in the dressing room, aggressive batting approach of the captain, an experienced and robust middle order, and impeccable bowlers made the job a cakewalk. **M Rishidev, Dindigul**

Communal harmony

Ref: *Understanding the holy month of fasting* (Mar 10). The column is a nostalgic narrative about one's days of youth. It's true that none of us thought about religion. It was simply an Indian-to-Indian exchange of love and companionship. Sadly, those days seem gone. For a nation to be healthy, political powers must eradicate any hurdles to harmony. **Indra Getzy David, Tirunelveli**

'Good governance, growth govt's priority'

BJP's electoral supremacy in C'garh reflects people's approval of govt initiatives, achievements in past 13 months: Sai

PANCH-turned-parliamentarian Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, 61, is acclaimed for his administrative skills. During his tenure, his party secured an outstanding mandate in the 2024 Lok Sabha and this year's urban body polls in the state. In an interaction with Ejaz Kaiser, the CM discusses political issues and reveals how Chhattisgarh is on a trajectory of growth. **Excerpts:**



How is the BJP keeping up its winning streak in the state?

The electoral supremacy the BJP attained, in fact, reflects the people's approval of the state government's initiatives and achievements in the past 13 months, as our governance remains committed to fulfilling the pledges under the 'Modi Ki Guarantee'. The BJP secured historic success in the civic body polls, and the party continued to maintain its winning spell after the 2023 Assembly and 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Your appeal for a 'triple engine sarkar' yielded notable results.

With success come expectations. The unprecedented support for the BJP further strengthened the trust people earlier reposed in PM Modi. We will attend to the genuine

expectations and demands of people. Good governance will be our track record.

As a tribal CM, you often assert that 'adivasis' are real Hindus.

Chhattisgarh has a predominantly tribal population in Bastar (southern) and Sarguja (northern region). Several organisations are working to break the identity of tribals by misleading them and propagating that tribals are not Hindus. As part of the conspiracy, a larger surreptitious plan is in play to misguide and weaken Sanatan Dharma. From 'Treta Yug' to 'Dwapar Yug', those with Lord Ram were all Hindus, and tribals have a major role in Hindu mythology. How can the tribals not be real Hindus then!

You decided to act tough against alleged misuse of

foreign funds for religious conversions.

Ever since Modi took over as PM, there has been a restraint on forced religious conversions across the country. But we have information that there are many paid workers actively driving religious conversion. Where is the funding coming from? Resources from abroad are being allocated for health and education but not for religious conversion. There should be a thorough probe into such unlawful exercises.

Regarding Maoists, the same security apparatus existed during the previous Congress regime, but the campaign has been more effective under the BJP government. What worked?

governance that ultimately matters. We gave Maoists the option to give up arms, join the mainstream, and be part of the development. We are ready for dialogue, but if anyone engages in firing or using explosives, then our responses will be much more stern.

Chhattisgarh has created a new Department of Good Governance and Convergence. The reason?

Chhattisgarh is the first to take the initiative to ensure good governance, effective execution of welfare policies, credible e-public service guarantee, and an adept digital secretariat. The idea is to realise in a true sense the concept of Ram Rajya – one devoid of corruption, and with sense of responsibility and duty and development for all. Most departments have already adopted the practice of e-office, improving transparency.

Chhattisgarh offers 'Intent to Invest' letters through 'Investor Connect' meets but not through 'Global Investors Meets'. Why?

We have prepared an extensive industrial policy for 2024-30. Organising 'Global Investor Meet' is being actively considered. The industrial policy,

which is getting a very positive response, has innovation-driven proposals to drive economic growth, generate employment and foster sustainable industrial development. High-potential categories among industries are targeted with special incentives to attract investments. 'Intent to Invest' letters have been offered to over 30 big industrial groups through our 'Investor Connect' meets in Delhi and Mumbai. We have got investment proposals worth over ₹1 lakh crore so far.

Congress says your government is remote-controlled from Nagpur and Delhi.

The Congress does not have any real issue against the BJP government, so it is coming out with baseless allegations. It is frustrated as it struggles with factionalism and infighting.

Have the many new faces in your Cabinet created any difficulty in good governance so far?

They may be new ministers, but they are experienced leaders who have worked in different capacities in the organisation and remained peoples' representatives for years. Our young leaders in the cabinet are coming to grips with their ministerial responsibilities, navigating the challenges, and giving satisfactory results.

Vanuatu orders scrapping of Lalit Modi's passport amid investigation in India

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

IN a setback to fugitive founder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) Lalit Modi, who had recently filed an application with the Indian High Commission in London to surrender his Indian passport, the Prime Minister of the Pacific island-nation Vanuatu, Jotham Napat on Monday issued a direction to his Citizenship Commission to cancel the passport issued to Modi, saying that the latter was attempting to avoid extradition.

The decision was taken after recent revelations that the former IPL chief is wanted by Indian law enforcement in connection with alleged embezzlement of crores during his stint as the head of IPL.

In an official media release, a copy of which is with this newspaper, issued by the Republic of Vanuatu quoting Prime Minister Napat read: "I have instructed the Citizenship Commission to cancel the Vanuatu passport issued to Mr Lalit Modi following revelations in international media."

"I have been made aware in the past 24 hours that Interpol twice rejected Indian authorities' requests

to issue an alert notice on Mr Lalit Modi due to lack of substantive judicial evidence. Any such alert would have triggered an automatic rejection of Mr Modi's citizenship application," it read.

In the release the Island nation government also said the Prime Minister "emphasised holding a Vanuatu passport is a privilege, not a right, and applicants must seek citizenship for legitimate reasons" and "none of those legitimate reasons include attempting to avoid extradition, which recent facts brought to light clearly indicate was Mr Modi's intention".

Therefore, Napat "directs the Citizenship Commission to cancel the Vanuatu passport issued to Lalit Modi". It added.

It is learnt from sources here that the Centre sprung into action regarding Lalit Modi following his application for surrendering Indian passport and the authorities, for the first time, learnt about him acquiring Vanuatu citizenship. Indian High Commissioner to New Zealand Neeta Bhushan and several island nations played a key role in getting Modi's Vanuatu passport cancelled.



Will intensify protest in Parliament against Hindi imposition: Dayanidhi

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

DRAVIDA Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) MP Dayanidhi Maran said on Monday that his party will intensify its protest in Parliament against the Centre's move to impose Hindi in Tamil Nadu.

He told this paper that Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan is trying to cover up the 'NEET exam fiasco' by bringing up the three-language policy in Tamil Nadu. "Tamil Nadu has been following the two-language policy for several years, and successfully implemented it. The minister suddenly devised the three-language policy to cover up the NEET fiasco," he said.

Maran also strongly contested Pradhan's claim that the Tamil Nadu government had agreed to sign the education policy. "Pradhan lied by saying that the DMK government had agreed to sign NEP DMK never agreed to NEP or the three-language policy. All we said was that we can't. Why should our students in Tamil Nadu learn three languages, whereas students from North India learn only one? They don't even read English," he said.

He pointed out that Tamil Nadu has the highest enrollment rate in the country. "We have good administrative systems, and our enrollment rate is the highest in the country. It is higher than even the national average. Why do you want to derail us?"

While the Centre accuses the Tamil Nadu government of depriving students by not offering the option of learning three languages, Maran said the state government knows what's best for the students.

We have successfully implemented the noon meal scheme,



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Dayanidhi Maran, DMK MP

and the students spend more time in school. That's the reason our enrollment rate is so high. We have a scheme where people who study in state schools and colleges are absorbed by the government. So we have gone so much ahead and are leading the race right now," he said.

Maran stressed that Tamil Nadu's opposition was not against Hindi but the imposition of three languages. "We are not against Hindi. If there are students who want to learn Hindi, they are free to do so, but it should not be compulsory. We are not against Hindi-speaking people. We are not against the language," he asserted.

India has already lost so many mother tongues. "From Marwari to Bhojpuri, many languages have gone." He also said that party leaders are coordinating with other parties to join the protest in Parliament.

Oppn walkout in RS after delimitation, NEP uproar

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Opposition in Rajya Sabha on Monday created uproar over various contentious issues including delimitation, New Education Policy (NEP) and the USAID and staged a walk-out, when their motions for suspension of businesses were disapproved by the chair. This prompted the government to advise a refresher course in parliamentary work for leaders from Opposition ranks.

Soon after the second-leg of the Budget session of Parliament resumed, Opposition members gave 12 notices under Rule 267 in the House to suspend normal businesses to take up discussion on a range of issues including impact of impending delimitation on Tamil Nadu, duplicate voter ID cards, discussion on US President Donald Trump's remarks that USAID gave funds for voter turnout in India.

However, Deputy Chairman, who was presiding over the House proceedings, rejected all notices and this resulted in Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge leading the opposition camp to stage a walkout.

Later DMK MPP Wilson said that the DMK party staged a



The Rajya Sabha during the second part of the Budget session of Parliament | PTI

walkout from the Rajya Sabha after the Deputy Chairman refused to allow a discussion on fair delimitation for Tamil Nadu. In an 'X' post, Wilson said, "The DMK floor leader Tiruchi Siva and I submitted a notice under Rule 267 of the Business Rules of the Rajya Sabha to discuss fair delimitation for Tamil Nadu. This is critical, as the state has seen minimal population growth due to family planning policies. There is a growing concern about impending delimitation set to take effect in 2026."

Meanwhile, as soon as the Opposition members walked out of the House, Leader of the House and Union Health Minis-

ter JP Nadda alleged that adjournment notices had been reduced to tactics for defaming the House.

Allowed by the chair to speak, Nadda said, "This trend of moving adjournment notices is a vicious design to demean the institution of Parliament. They (the opposition) are not interested in debate. They want to give an impression that the government does not want to answer. The government is ready to discuss anything under rules and regulations. We will discuss the budget of ministries. There is a provision for a short duration and long duration discussions, but they do not know how to debate."

More earnings from freight: Railways

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Standing Committee on Railways for 2025-26 has noted that net earnings of Railways have remained constant over the past three years, with projected revenue of ₹3,041.31 crore for 2025-26. In its report submitted to the Lok Sabha on Monday, the Committee noted that passenger revenue (₹92,800 crore) remains significantly lower compared

to freight revenue, which stands at nearly ₹1,88,000 crore.

After reviewing these figures, the Parliamentary Standing Committee chaired by CM Ramesh recommended boosting passenger earnings by exploring alternative methods for revenue generation.

This includes enhancing services-based revenue, improving onboard amenities, and expanding the passenger base by encouraging passengers to transition from road

and air transport to more sustainable railway alternatives.

On safety issues, the Committee observed that persistent waterlogging at railway underbridges continues to cause significant inconvenience. To address this, the Committee urged the Railways to allocate sufficient budgetary provisions for structural improvements, such as adjusting bridge heights, incorporating advanced technology, and implementing efficient drainage systems, alongside regular maintenance.

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RAILWAYS AMENDMENT BILL CLEARED IN RS

With Rajya Sabha clearing the Railways (Amendment) Bill 2024 by a voice vote, Parliament on Monday passed the law replacing the 1905 Act ensuring enhancement in functioning and giving autonomy to the Railway Board. The Lok Sabha had passed the bill during the Winter Session last year. Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw emphasised that the bill's role is to empower field offices, enhancing efficiency, reinforcing cooperative federalism.

'FAIR PROBE INTO NDLS STAMPEDE ON'

Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Monday said a fair enquiry is being conducted regarding the stampede which took place at New Delhi railway station last month and said the government is implementing a slew of measures to avoid such incidents in the future. Rejecting the allegations that the CCTV cameras were switched off at the New Delhi station to hide the details of the incident, Vaishnaw said a detailed inquiry is being held into the accident.

Special Forces in Kyrgyzstan for military exercises

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE special forces of India and Kyrgyzstan began a fortnight-long Joint Military Exercise, Khanjar-XII, on Monday at Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan.

The Army on Monday said, "The Exercise is designed to enhance interoperability between the special forces of both countries, focusing on joint operations in urban warfare scenarios, counter-terrorism tactics, and precision sniping, all conducted under the framework of a United Nations mandate."

Troops from the Parachute Regiment (special forces) represented the Indian contingent and Kyrgyz Scorpion Brigade, the Kyrgyzstan contingent. Exercise Khanjar-XII 2025 aims to enhance military cooperation and interoperability and share the best practices between the two army forces.

The exercise will test the personnel in best practices in counter-terrorism and special forces operations in urban and mountainous high-altitude terrain scenarios. Also, in focus will be developing advanced



special forces skills of sniping, complex building intervention and mountain craft.

As per the Army, beyond rigorous training, "exercise will feature vibrant cultural exchanges, including celebration of Kyrgyz festival Nowruz."

This is the XIth edition of the exercise Khanjar since 2011, and has evolved into an annual training event. The alternating venues reflect the unique dimension of the thriving strategic relationship. The last edition was conducted in India in January 2024.

Precast concrete to curb pollution: MoRTH

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) is considering raising the ceiling of mandatory precast concrete usage from 25 to 75-80% to mitigate pollution, prevent delays, and restrict the cost of road development projects. The ministry has already started exploring the modalities.

According to the ministry, precast concrete benefits from being all-weather and having fast construction. The ministry officials said that the factory-

manufactured precast concrete has reliable quality and enhances performance, durability, and aesthetics due to its uniform appearance. It also reduces carbon emission, noise and air pollution due to restricted construction activities at the site. Minister Nitin Gadkari has already discussed this with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In April 2023, the MoRTH made the use of factory-manufactured precast concrete elements mandatory in

construction of national highways, expressways, and centrally sponsored road development plans.

The minimum mandatory usage of precast components was kept at 25% of total concrete volume other than the foundation work in projects within a 100 km radius of the precast factory.

Since then, efforts have been made to encourage construction companies to use construction materials produced in controlled factories.



■ Annual receipts pegged at ₹5.60L cr against expenditure of ₹6.06L cr ■ Professional tax exemption for ₹15K income

AI, agri focus in ₹7L cr Maha budget

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

WE will try to meet the 16,000 MW of electricity demand in the agriculture sector by encouraging solar power supply to agriculture pumps

Ajit Pawar, Maharashtra Finance Minister

7% motor vehicle tax

A seven percent lump sum motor vehicle tax is proposed for purchasing vehicles used in the construction sector. A similar tax will be levied on the purchase of light goods vehicles. The govt will levy a six-percent tax on the purchase of EV costing over ₹30 lakh.

MAHARASHTRA Finance Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Monday tabled a mammoth ₹7.20 lakh-crore budget for 2025-26, focusing on using AI technology to spur agriculture growth and bring more land under irrigation through river-linking and irrigation projects. The annual receipts are pegged at ₹5.60 lakh crore against revenue expenditure of ₹6.06 lakh crore. It estimates the revenue deficit at ₹45,892 crore and a fiscal deficit of ₹1,36,234 crore.

The state government has also imposed and increased taxes on motor vehicles, making specific vehicle categories expensive to rake in additional annual revenue of ₹1,500 crore.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis lauded the state budget, saying that only Uttar Pradesh has such a huge outlay. Pawar said the majority of the budgetary allocation is earmarked for agriculture. "The state economic survey report revealed 8% growth in agriculture against three percent last year. Therefore, we are pushing agriculture sector growth by bringing innovative technology such as AI to provide crop planning advice to farmers to reduce costs and increase productivity."

He said that in the first phase, ₹500 crore earmarked for the development of AI technology in the agriculture sector will help over 50,000 farmers with a total arable land of one lakh hectares.

The government has made provisions for completing irrigation schemes and



irrigating more hectares of land. He said the Wainganga-Nalganaga, Nar-Par-Grina, and Daman Ganga Ekdare-Godavari river linking projects will irrigate 4,30,559 hectares. The government has also undertaken an ambitious ₹19,000-crore worth Tapi Mahapurandaran irrigation project.

The finance minister assured that the required electricity would be supplied to farmers to drive agricultural growth. "We will try to meet the 16,000 MW of electricity demand in the agriculture sector by encouraging solar power supply to agriculture pumps," Pawar said.

Referring to the new vehicle tax rates, Pawar said the taxes impact those who can afford to buy high-end vehicles and pay higher taxes.

CNG and LPG non-transport four-wheelers owned individually will attract a one-percent additional tax. The government will levy a six-percent tax on the purchase of electric vehicles costing over ₹30 lakh.

'Promises to be fulfilled when funds available'

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra budget does not provide funds for the Mahayuti's flagship welfare schemes, which were promised during the Assembly elections. Finance Minister Ajit Pawar admitted that the promises will be implemented as and when funds are available.

The schemes include raising monthly financial aid under Ladli Bahina from ₹1,500 to ₹2,100 and farm loan waivers. The government initially promised to spend ₹46,000 crore on the scheme for needy and poor women. Initially, over two crore women were eligible for this scheme, but gradually, their numbers are being slashed down, citing various criteria.

However, in the budget, the government earmarked only ₹36,000 crore against the initial ₹46,000 crore promise.

Pawar said that while they made promises to increase financial assistance, it will be done soon when they get the money.

Sops for tea workers and youth in election-centric budget of Himanta govt

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE BJP-led Assam government on Monday presented a populist budget to woo tea garden workers, lower income group people, farmers and youth as Assembly elections are due early next year.

Presenting the ₹2.63 lakh crore budget for the 2025-26 financial year with a deficit of ₹620.27 crore, Finance Minister Ajanta Neog announced one-time financial assistance of ₹5,000 each for the state's 6.8 lakh tea garden workers. This will include both permanent and casual workers.

The government is extending "gratitude" toward the tea garden community on the occasion of 200 years of Assam Tea.

Stating that the government is cognisant of the challenges being faced by the tea industry, Neog announced the extension of tax holiday on green tea leaves under the Assam Taxation (on Specified Lands) Act, 1990 for another two years.

The budget proposed exemption on 'professional tax' for individuals earning up to ₹15,000 per month under the Assam



Profession, Trades, Callings, and Employments Taxation Act, 1947.

She announced a financial assistance programme, 'Chief Minister's Jibon Prerana', to support graduates and provide them with stability and encouragement during their job-search period.

Under this, she announced that ₹2,500 per month would be provided for one year to each graduate passing out in 2025 from government universities and colleges of Assam.

Neog said that in addition to distribution of rice to the ration card holders, the government would provide one kg each of masur dal, sugar and salt at subsidised rates to them from October this year.

ED raids on Baghel's son in liquor case spark Cong protests in House

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Raipur

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday raided the Bhilai residence of former Congress CM Bhupesh Baghel as part of a money laundering investigation against his son in the alleged liquor scam case. In addition to the documents, official sources said about ₹30 lakh had been seized.

According to sources, during the eight-hour raid, the agency searched 14 locations in the Durg district, including the Bhilai premises of Baghel's son Chaitanya Baghel, his alleged close associate Laxmi Narayan Bansal alias Pappu Bansal, and others, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

They said that Chaitanya Baghel is suspected to be the "recipient" of the proceeds of crime of the liquor scam.

Soon after the searches, several Congress leaders and workers gathered outside Baghel's house. They staged a protest against the ED and claimed it was a conspiracy by the Centre. The raids have created a political storm in the



state amid the ongoing budget session of the Assembly.

Several Congress MLAs were suspended from the Assembly after they trooped into the well and raised slogans against the ruling BJP over the raids on Baghel's premises.

As the House assembled for the day's business, Congress MLAs disrupted the Question Hour and raised the issue of the ED's raid. Congress members, including former minister Umesh Patel, started raising slogans against the ruling BJP and claimed that democracy was being "murdered".

Speaker Raman Singh asked members of the main opposition party to raise their issues in the Zero Hour, citing the importance of Question Hour, but the Congress legislators continued shouting slogans.

The Congress MLAs trooped into the House well while shouting slogans and were automatically suspended, as per the assembly rules. Bhupesh Baghel was not present at the House.

The Speaker announced the suspension of various Congress members and asked them to go outside the House.

Now, two tribal boys go missing in J&K's Kathua

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AS police probe the mysterious deaths of three persons who went missing in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, two minor boys of a tribal community have also gone missing. Authorities have launched a manhunt to trace them.

Deen Mohammad (15) and his cousin Rehmat Ali (12) have been missing from Hardu, Muthi area in Bilawal area of Kathua since February 27.

Their uncle Swaru said the duo had left the home to rear the cattle and sheep and goat and did not return in the evening. "Since then they are untraceable. The family and villagers have searched several places but there has been no trace of them. We are worried as we don't know where they have gone," he said.

Swaru said they have registered a missing complaint with Police Station Rajbagh. A police official said a massive manhunt has been launched to trace the missing boys. The Kathua district has witnessed a string of mysterious disappearances of locals causing tension and panic among the population. On Saturday, bodies of three civilians Yogesh Singh, Darshan Singh, and Varun Singh - were recovered from a waterfall.

Probe ordered, says Omar as fashion show triggers outrage

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AS a fashion show in Gulmarg sparked outrage and ruckus in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said the show was a private event and the government would not have permitted such an event even if it was not Ramzan. He said the government has ordered an inquiry into it.

After political and religious leaders as well as tourism stakeholders denounced the show, designers Shivan Bhatiya & Narresh Kukreja apologised. The 'semi-nude' fashion show was held by the designers in the snow covered ski resort of Gulmarg on March 7.

J&K Grand Mufti, Mufti Nasir-ul-Islam termed the show as a cultural invasion. "Legal action should be taken against those responsible for organising such a shameful event. Such acts are not acceptable in Islam. We are badly hurt and the government should take action and stop such things from happening in J&K," he said.

"Outrageous! In the holy month of Ramzan an obscene fashion show is organised in Gulmarg. How could it be tolerated in the valley known for its Sufi, saintly culture and deeply religious outlook of its



Designers apologise for Gulmarg event

Designers Shivan Bhatiya and Narresh Kukreja apologized for the fashion show. "We deeply regret any hurt caused by our recent presentation in Gulmarg during the holy month of Ramadan," they said.

people? Those involved should be held accountable..." Hurriyat at Conference chairman Mirwaiz Umar posted on X.

The Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK) termed the show as blatant disregard for local culture, tradition, sensitivities and religion. It demanded a time-bound probe and strict action against the organisers.

In the Assembly, NC MLA Tanvir Sadiq said J&K is a land of saints and spiritual figures and holding of "semi-nude shoots" is unacceptable. Congress MLA Nizam-ud-Din Bhat said, "Our society is not like that. We are civilized and pub-

lic anger is justified." Abdullah said, "Preliminary facts revealed that it was a private four-day event organised in a private hotel. Some people are saying that such a show should not have been held in Ramzan. I am of the opinion that it should not have taken place any time of the year."

In a post on X, the designer duo said, "We deeply regret any hurt caused by our recent presentation in Gulmarg during the holy month of Ramadan. Our sole intention was to celebrate creativity and the ski & apres-ski lifestyle, without any desire to offend anyone or any religious sentiments."

Wanted by FBI, Punjab police arrest Indian-origin drug network kingpin

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB Police on Monday arrested an Indian-origin international drug lord, Shehnaz Singh alias Shawn Bhinder, wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) of the US. He is allegedly the kingpin in a global narcotics network and smuggled cocaine from Colombia into the United States and Canada.

Bhinder, a graduate of Mandiala village in Batala, has resided with his family in Brampton, Canada, since 2014. However, feeling the FBI heat, he gave the agents the slip and clandestinely landed in India this month.

On February 26, the FBI seized an enormous cache of drugs and weapons, including 391 kilograms of methamphetamine, 109 kilograms of cocaine, and four sophisticated weapons from multiple residences and vehicles linked to the syndicate.

It had arrested six accused in the case—Amritpal Singh alias Amrit alias Bal, Amritpal



Singh alias Cheema, Taqdeer Singh alias Romi, Sarabjit Singh Saabi, Fernando Valladares alias Franco and Gurlal Singh, but Bhinder evaded arrest.

Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav said Bhinder was a key player in a global narcotics syndicate, smuggling cocaine from Colombia into the USA and Canada. "We successfully tracked and arrested him from the jurisdiction of Ludhiana. He was also wanted in an Arms Act case registered in December 2024, leading to the recovery of a significant cache of arms and ammunition," said Yadav.

Preliminary investigations revealed that Bhinder played a key role in transporting large consignments of drugs across international borders using trucks and trailers, according to DIG of Ferozepur Range Swapn Sharma and Senior SP of Tarn Taran Abhimanyu Rana.

The latter has been tracking Bhinder since last December and said the latter was operating under the guise of a legitimate transportation business in Canada since 2014 while allegedly facilitating the movement of drugs across North America. "Bhinder and his accomplices were transporting approximately 600 kgs of cocaine from Colombia every week," he added.

Rana said that Bhinder's network is believed to have ties with notorious drug traffickers, including Amritpal Singh alias Baath and Gurjant Singh Bholu Havelia. Rana said Bhinder also provided shooters to Amritpal Bath in the murder of a sarpanch last year.

Row over 'stay indoors' plea to Muslims on Holi

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

POLITICAL tensions are escalating in Bihar following a senior BJP MLA's request to the minority community to stay indoors during the Holi festival to prevent any untoward incident. Haribhushan Thakur Bachaul appealed while speaking to the media on Monday at the Asembly premises. "There are 52 'jummas' (Fridays) in a year. One of them coincides with Holi. So, they should not mind if Hindus smear 'gula' on their faces while celebrating the festival of colours on Friday," he told the media.

The MLA from Bisfi in Madhubani district added that the members of the minority community should remain indoors that day. "This is needed to maintain communal harmony in society," he said.

Notably, Muslims observe fasting during the month of Ramadan. On Fridays, they visit mosques to offer Namaz



(prayers). This year, Holi will be celebrated on Friday.

Reacting to the BJP lawmaker's appeal, Jan Suraj Party founder Prashant Kishor said that it was wrong to ask anybody to remain indoors just because people from a particular community were celebrating.

RJD spokesperson Mritunjay Tiwari strongly opposed the dictat and said it was the state government's duty to ensure the safety and security of people on the road during Holi. "The government should take the matter seriously and provide police protection to people going to mosques to offer Friday's prayers on that particular date," he added.

12 arrested over Mhow violence after cricket win

ANURAG SINGH @ Bhopal

What happened
● The communal clashes between the two main religious communities happened after a huge victory procession of local residents celebrating India's title triumph over the Kiwis, was passing through the minority community dominated Jama Masjid area

● A total five FIRs registered, of which 4 have been lodged on the complaints of residents of Mhow town hailing from one community.

● Around two dozen vehicles have been either set ablaze or damaged, while a grocery shop has been partially burnt.

A day after a victory procession celebrating Indian cricket team's Champions Trophy title win reportedly triggered communal violence in Dr Ambedkar Nagar-Mhow town of western MP's Indore district, 12 people were arrested in the case on Monday.

A total five FIRs were registered, of which 4 have been lodged on the complaints of residents of Mhow town hailing from one community.

Around two dozen vehicles have been either set ablaze or damaged, while a grocery shop has been partially burnt. According to Anurag, the IG-Indore Rural Range, while police force from four police station areas of Mhow sub division are in action in the affected localities, over 200 state paramilitary force SAF personnel have also been deployed across the communally sensitive town. The communal clashes between the two religious communities happened at around 10.45 pm on Sunday, after a huge victory procession of local residents celebrating India's title triumph over the Kiwis was passing through the minority community-dominated Jama Masjid area. The procession allegedly stopped for some time outside the place of worship where late-night religious prayers were being offered and some started bursting crackers.



PATNA DIARY

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Our correspondent in Bihar

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Tejashwi loses cool over question on Nitish

RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav generally has a very calm response to media queries. But when it comes to his 'chacha', the situation is not always the same. Tejashwi virtually lost cool when a journalist asked whether he would welcome Nitish Kumar in grand alliance fold. Tejashwi said, "Who gives you such ideas? Why will we welcome him? There is no offer, don't talk nonsense." Tejashwi's remark assumed significance in the wake of former CM Rabri Devi's statement that RJD would consider joining hands with Nitish if the latter snapped ties with BJP first and show his willingness to do so before polls.



Kanhaiya to lead padyatra in Champaran

Kanhaiya Kumar, AICC in-charge of its students' wing NSUI, on Monday announced to lead a Padyatra from Bhittharwa Ashram in Bihar's West Champaran district on March 16 to highlight problems of unemployment and migration in poll-bound state. Bihar is set to go to polls in October-November this year. Talking to media persons at Congress headquarters at Sadaquat Ashram, Kanhaiya said that the party would raise the issues like unemployment, migration and lack of healthcare during the Padyatra called 'Naukri Do, Palayan Roko'.

Residents elated over plan to build Sita temple

Residents of Bihar are elated over Union Home Minister Amit Shah's announcement to construct a grand Sita temple in Bihar's Sitamarhi district, comparable to the Ram temple in Ayodhya. The declaration, months before state assembly elections, is seen as politically motivated. While BJP's move has been hailed by its allies in Bihar, JD(U) and LJP (RV), opposition RJD-Congress has opposed it. Opposition leaders accused the ruling dispensation of deriving political mileage out of the announcement to build Sita temple at Punaura Dham, stated to be birthplace of the Goddess Sita.

MATTER OF DISHARMONY

IN THE COURT OF THE 88th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, (EXCLUSIVE COMMERCIAL COURT) CCH-89 AT BANGALURU

Com O.S. No: 875/2023
Between: BANK OF INDIA, Plaintiff
And: M/S. Samrudhi Aromatics Proprietor Mr. Lohit V., Defendant
NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff in the above petition has filed for the recovery suit filed U/S 26 AND ORDER 7, RULE 1 OF CPC, for Rs. 5,40,500/- together with future interest thereon @ 9.55% from 21/11/2022. You are hereby summoned to appear in person before this in the Court of the 88th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, (Exclusive Commercial Court)-CCH-89, At Bangalore. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day of 28/03/2025, the petition will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court on 6/3/2025

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sessions Judge
Commercial Court Unit
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate for the Petitioner
Smt. Divya Pavithran Advocate
Office: #123, 1st Floor, Brigade Gardens, 19, Church Street, Bangalore-560001
Mob: 7629950937

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, my client, Mr. R. Yogishwar Reddy, residing at No.102, 3rd Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, C.V.Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560093, has lost the Original sale deed dated 21.03.2007, vide Registered document No. KR1-1-34832/2008-07, Book-1, C.D.No. KXD0292, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R.Puram, Bangalore, in respect of the property bearing Flat No.D-4, in Fourth Floor, in Block No.2, measuring super built up area 1315 sq.ft. Apartment know as "SAMITHI CASTLE" constructed on Property bearing Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Katha No.140/3, measuring 77895 Sq.ft, situated at Nagawarapalya, Varthur Road, Rahath Bagh, C.V.Raman Nagar Post, Bangalore. The original sale was lost/misplaced at Benignahalli on 07.02.2025. My Client has given a Police Complaint dated 14.02.2025, vide Complaint No.1477495/2025 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person un-authority holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on Mr.R.Yogishwar Reddy. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within seven days of this Notice. Later on the same will not be entertained.

KUMARA SWAMY D. Advocate
Office No. 30, 2nd Floor, A.S.V.N.V. Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-08
Mob: 984730046, Date: 10-03-2025

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Home Loan Centre
Bangalore Central, L C Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560001,
Mobile No. 9611093484 Email: sbi.63988@sbi.co.in, cmmail.raccpsmr@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule-8(1) (For immovable property)

A/c Nos: HL - 40413043153& 40424014946

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated 30.12.2024 calling upon the borrowers 1.Mrs. Priyadarshini Balasubramanian, W/o Mr. Uthaya Kumar G & 2. Mr. Mr. Uthaya Kumar G, S/o Gopal, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 56,51,110/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Fifty One Thousand One Hundred Ten only) as on 29.12.2024 and you are also liable to pay future interest from 30.12.2024 & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on 06.03.2025.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of Rs.59,02,989/- (Rupees Fifty-Nine Lakhs Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine only) as on 06.03.2025 and you are also liable to pay future interest from and expenses thereon.

The borrower/s/ guarantor/s/ mortgagor/s attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Deed of Sale Regd. Doc. No. JPN-1-04550-2024-25 dated 31.07.2024 at SRO Jayanagar (JP Nagar), Bengaluru.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : (Large Project Land)

That portion of all that piece and parcel of land comprising the towers in the project presently named **Provident Park Square** located on non-agricultural land converted for residential use bearing Survey Nos. 3/3, 7(p), 8/1(p), 9/2A, 9/2B1, and 26/1(p) measuring approximately 78376.84 Sq. Meters situated at Mallasandra Village (off Kanakapura Main Road), Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore- 560062 (Presently within the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike). The area considered for development of Provident Park Square excluding the area relinquished to be relinquished to roads, parks an open space and substation in 63721.06 Sq Meter (6.85,893.48 Sq.Ft). The Schedule Property is bounded on: East by: Land relinquished for road, West by: Portions of Survey No. 3/3, 7 and 8/1, North by: Survey No.3/1, 3/2 and 9/1 and South by: Survey No.8/2, portions of survey No.9/2B1 and survey No.26/1(p).

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (Description of the Apartment conveyed)

The apartment bearing No.703 on the Seventh Floor of Tower 5A in the Building B5 of the Project **PROVIDENT PARK SQUARE** (shown as B5-5A Tower in the Sanctioned Plan) having a Carpet Area of 72.46 square meters and corresponding Super Built up area measuring 104.52 square meters along with non-exclusive right to use the common areas, amenities and facilities of the project and one basement car parking space. The building is RCC framed structure with vitrified tile flooring, metal windows and wooden doors connected with electricity and water supply.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : Proportionate undivided share being 38 sq meters in the general and/or restricted common areas, including the project land, amenities and facilities of the Residential Complex. Property standing in the name of Mr. Uthaya Kumar G and Mrs. Priyadarshini Balasubramanian.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 06.03.2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
State Bank of India,
Home Loan Centre, L. C. Road, Bengaluru

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Union Bank of India
एसेट रिकवरी ब्रांच : बंगलुरु नॉर्थ, ई-1234, 1st Floor, 4th Main, Opp. To Chandra Layout Bus Stop, Bengaluru-560040, Mobile: 90032 23669, E-mail: arb.bengalurunorth@unionbankofindia.bank

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8 of the Securitization (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (Secured Creditor) will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrowers and Guarantors. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

1. Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North (account transferred from Koramangala Branch) : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Aplicant and Guarantor: Borrowers: Bibekananda Behera S/o. Maheshwar Behera, Jampa Coral Apartment, No.G-01, Ground Floor, No.4, Puttenahalli, Bangalore South 560078. Also at: C/o Maheshwar Behera House, Balabhadrapur Post, P.S - Pattamundali, Kunderapara, 2086 Orissa-754217. Also at: No.5, 1st Floor, 17th Cross, 25th Main, Abbaiah Reddy Layout, 6th Phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore 560078.
Amount Due: Rs. 53,39,942.66 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Two and Paise Sixty Six only) + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of Property : Schedule of Property: SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.4, New BBMP Katha No. 74/298/474/46/2, Old Katha No. 46/2 (earlier Bommanahalli City Municipal Council, Property No. 474/46/2, Katha No. 298), situated at Puttenahalli Village, Puttenahalli Arakere Puttenahalli Palya, Uttarahalli, Bangalore South Taluk (earlier Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk) now coming under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 27, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2000 sqft and bounded on East by : Private Property part of Katha No. 46/2, West by: Private Property part of Katha No. 46/2, North by: Private Property part of Katha No. 46/2, South by: Road.

Schedule "B" Property: All that piece and parcel of 243 Sqft undivided right, title and interest in the land in the Schedule A Property.

Schedule "C" Property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment No.G-01 situated in Ground Floor in the Residential Apartment Building called "JAMPA CORAL" measuring Super Built Area of 850 sq.ft in the building being constructed on the Schedule A Property with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment Owners equally including common rights in respect of common areas and amenities with one covered Car Parking Area East by: Common Corridor & Staircase, West by: Flat No.G-02, North by: Common Corridor, South by: Open to Sky.

Reserve Price : Rs. 34,00,000/- EMD : Rs.3,40,000/- Bid Multiplier : Rs.50,000/-

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

Invariably, the first bid of the property/ies will be Reserve Price + one Increment. This amount will be the minimum bid amount to participate in bidding process.

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor : NIL, However, the intending bidders should make their own independent enquiry regarding the encumbrances, any pending court cases against the property, title of the property put to auction and the claims / rights/ dues affecting the property, such as Electricity Bill, Water Bill, Pending CAM Charges, Pending Charges with respect to Association, Transfer of Khata and Property Tax etc. prior to submitting their bid. Once the sale is confirmed, no request will be considered for cancellation of the sale/ refund of the sale price paid by H1 bidder, whatsoever.

Date of Sale Notice : 06.03.2025

Account bearing Number 800001980050000 A/C Name : Inward RTGS IFSC Code : UBIN0580007
Contact : Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North, No. 1234, 1st Floor, 4th Main, Opp. To Chandra Layout Bus Stop, Bengaluru-560040, E-mail: arb.bengalurunorth@unionbankofindia.bank

Last date of EMD submission:
On or before the commencement of e-auction
Date & Time of E-auction: 25.04.2025 (Friday)
from 12.00 Noon to 5.00 P.M with 10 min unlimited auto extensions

Note: (1) The intending purchaser required to register through <https://baanknet.com> and <https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/auction-property/view-auction-property.aspx>.

The amount of EMD (10%) should be paid through the Website <https://baanknet.com> and the balance amount of sale price should be paid through the Account Number mentioned in the Sale Notice. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided as mentioned below banks website and e-auction agent website. Digital Signature is not mandatory.

www.unionbankofindia.co.in <https://baanknet.com>
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 03.03.2025

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office : ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore-560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Orbit Clothing, Veeresh Ainal & Bosavakumar Ainal/ No. 35 Doddakallasandra Village Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Bangalore-560062/ 317905000381	(as Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Residential Property Bearing Site No.60, Khatha No.60, Old Site No.60/1, Previously House List No.35, Earlier Doddakallasandra Village Panchayath Khatha No.60, Now Bbpm Khatha No.1298/60/60/1, Measuring East To West 50ft, North To South: 40ft, Totally Measuring 2,000sq.ft, Situated At Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now Comes Under Jurisdiction Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.197-vasanthapura, Bangalore And Bounded On Below (admeasuring An Area Of 2,000sq.ft, Bounded By : On The North By: Government School On The South By: Late, Patel Muniswamy's House On The East By: Road On The West By: Property Belongs To Sri.h.r.janardhan. Date Of Symbolic Possession 05th March 2025.	December 12, 2024 Rs. 1,66,49,627.11/-	Bangalore & Raichur

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: March 11, 2025, Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Signatory, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIALASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.2, The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.5. The borrower has defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.4, in spite of repeated reminders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines. Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mention date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore, the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.2 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/c's to realize the amounts due to them.

The borrower attention is also invited as per Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of the secured assets will be available to them only till date of publication of Sale Notice.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower & Loan No	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description of the Property
1.	Mr. Lingaraj Mr. Somasekhara S K Loan A/c No. 16027014474 411300002110	10.02.2025	Rs. 422282.00 544526.00	Schedule Property : All that piece and parcel of the House No.43, LIG-II, D Block, KHB Ramasamundra Housing Layout, measuring East to West: 9.00 Meters and North to South: 12.00 Meters and Bounded by: East by: Site No. LIG 44, West by: House No. LIG-II, 42, North by: Halla, South by: Road.
2.	Mr. Mohammad Rafi Ms. Asha M H Loan A/c No. 410400014029	18.02.2025	Rs. 4044978.00	Schedule Property : All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Site No.3253/26, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at KUMARSWAMY LAYOUT 2ND STAGE, Bangalore, now this property comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Corporation Ward No.185, New BBMP Property No.143/3253/26, KUMARSWAMY LAYOUT 2ND STAGE, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 7.00Mtrs and North to South: 6.10 Mtrs., in all measuring 42.70 Square Meters, and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Site No.3253/15, North by: Site No.3253/27, South by: Site No.3253/25. Building Description: 4 ½ Squares Ground Floor, 4 ½ Squares First Floor of RCC Roofed house, Vitrified Tiles Flooring, Doors and Windows are in Jungle Wood, with electricity, water and sanitary facilities thereon.
3.	Mr. Dinakar Jayanna Ms. Nagaraj Jayashree Loan A/c No. 410200003668	21.02.2025	Rs. 970970.00	Schedule Property : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Vacant Site No.53, Rajarajeswari Nagarasabhe, Khata No.147, formed out of converted survey No.5/3, measuring 02 Acres 20 Guntas which is converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential usage vide Official Memorandum bearing No.BDS/ALN/SR(S)(KT)/45/2003-04 dated 13.10.2003 and Official Memorandum bearing No.BDS/ALN/SR(S)(KT)/16/2003-04 dated 28.07.2003 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Kodipalya, Hamlet of Chudenapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now this property comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, BBMP Khata No.148/5/1, 5/2, 5/3, 53/147, new Site No.152, Kengeri Sub-Registrar, Division, Bangalore and measuring East to West: 50 Feet and North to South: 30. Feet, in all total 1500 Sq. Feet and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Park, North by: Site No.54, South by: Site No.52.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 11.03.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

GEM PROCUREMENT

Bids are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited

Sl. No.	Item Category	Quantity (Nos)	Bid Number	Bid End Date
1	Extension of date for Supply and installation of Desktops & Laptops to KVA 3 Nos. Networking for Model School Thiruvananthapuram	1	GEM/2025/B/5949159	12-03-2025 03:00 pm

(Sd/-), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA
email- serswbd2003@yahoo.com

No: _____/_____ Date: _____/_____/_____

O-1588 E-Procurement Notice for PMGSY maintenance works

- Name of the work : Periodical Renewal work of 5 year post DLP PMGSY Roads (06 Nos)
- Class of contractor : "B" & "A" Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority .
- Estimated Cost : Varies from Rs.80.28 Lakhs to Rs.292.27 Lakhs (Approximately)
- Details projects as per : Annexure attached.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bids
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	CCERW- CSBD - Online -22/2024-25	12.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	21.03.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	20.03.2025 up to 2.00 P.M.	24.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

5. The details of works can be seen from the web site <https://www.pmgstenders.gov.in> for PMGSY maintenance works.

6. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web site.

OIPR-251821/1/0041/2425

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
Office of the Additional Chief Engineer,
Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur - 760004
e-mail id: se_sicbam@yahoo.com

e-Procurement Notice No. ACE, RBB - 16/2024-25

- Type of Work :- Flood Protection works.
- Total No of Works :- 02 (Two) No.
- Amount put to tender :- Rs.765.63 Lakh to Rs.629.50 Lakh
- Period of completion :- 11 (Eleven) calendar months
- Class of Contractor :- 'A' & 'Spl'

Procurement officer	Bid Identification No.	Name of Work	Bid Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Availability & Submission of Bid On-line
Additional Chief Engineer, Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur	ACE, RBB(BNID)- 31/2024-25	Improvement to both bank of Bethuar a nalla near Dasamali.	765.63	From 11.03.2025, 10.00 A.M. to 25.03.2025, 5.00 P.M.
	ACE, RBB(BNID)- 32/2024-25	Improvement to LFB of river Padma near village Srirampalli.	629.50	

Date of opening of the Technical Bid:- 26.03.2025 at 11.30 A.M.

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer,
Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur.

OIPR-32411/1/0024/2425

THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Hutti-584115, Raichur Dist, Karnataka State, Tele: 08537-275463, 276339, Fax: (08537)275048, 275054
e-Mail: material276339@gmail.com Website: www.huttigold.karnataka.gov.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 25/24-25 Dt: 11.03.2025

(Through KPP Portal only)

Tenders are invited by "The Senior Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following Tenders.

Sl. No.	Description	EMD In Rs.
1	Supply of Thoor Dal Fatka for 06 Month Requirement. HGML/2024-25/IND0277	86,000/-
2	Supply of Refined Sunflower Oil for 06 Month Requirement. HGML/2024-25/IND0276	48,000/-
3	Supply of Provision Items for 06 Month Requirement. HGML/2024-25/IND0282	1,35,000/-
4	Supply of Motorised ICU COT. HGML/2024-25/IND0292	34,000/-
5	Supply of High End Multi Para Monitor. HGML/2024-25/IND0294	72,000/-
6	Supply of Ortho OT Table with Attachment. HGML/2024-25/IND0296	15,000/-
7	Supply of Suction Apparatus. HGML/2024-25/IND0295	17,000/-
8	Supply of Fully Automated CBC Hematology Analyser with 6 Chambers. HGML/2024-25/IND0291	32,500/-
9	Supply of Trash Vibrating Screen for Sag Mill. HGML/2024-25/IND0243/CALL-2	1,30,000/-

Calendar of events: (1) Last date for receipt of Tender: 26-03-2025 at 4.00 PM. (2) Opening of Technical Bid on: 29-03-2025 at 10.00 AM. For further details interested bidders are advised to log on to website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in KPP Portal.

Sd/- Senior Manager (Materials)

"LEADING GOLD PRODUCER IN INDIA"

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.
Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400 069, Maharashtra.
Nelamangala Branch : 1st floor, Katha No. 658/A, Vinayaka Nagar, Arishinakunte, Near Honda Showroom, Nelamangala, Bangalore-562123, (Karnataka).

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. (AHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property
1.	(Loan Code : 228000000117 Nelamangala Branch) Mahesh N (Borrower) Narayana Reddy C (Co Borrower)	28-02-2025 ₹ 44,15,685.00	Item No -1: All that piece and parcel of the property site bearing No.3 Khatha No.74/1 and presently BBMP Khatha Site No.3, Khatha 74/1, Situated at Munnekolala Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Now Comes Under the Limits of BBMP Bangalore and bounded on the East by : Site No-04, West by : Site No-02, North by : Private Property, South by : Road. Item No-2 : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khatha No.135/74/1 Situated at Munnekolala Village , Varthur Hobli , Bangalore East Taluk , Bangalore Now Comes Under the Limits of BBMP Bangalore and bounded on the East by : Property Belongs to Subbramareddy West by : House Belongs to Padmamma, North by :House Belongs to Annaiahreddy, South by : Road. Item No-3: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khatha No-74/1 situated at Munnekolala Village , Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk , Bangalore . Now Comes Under the limit of BBMP Bangalore, and bounded on the East by : Remaining Portion of the Same property, West by : Privale property, North by :Road, South by : Private Property. Item No-4: All

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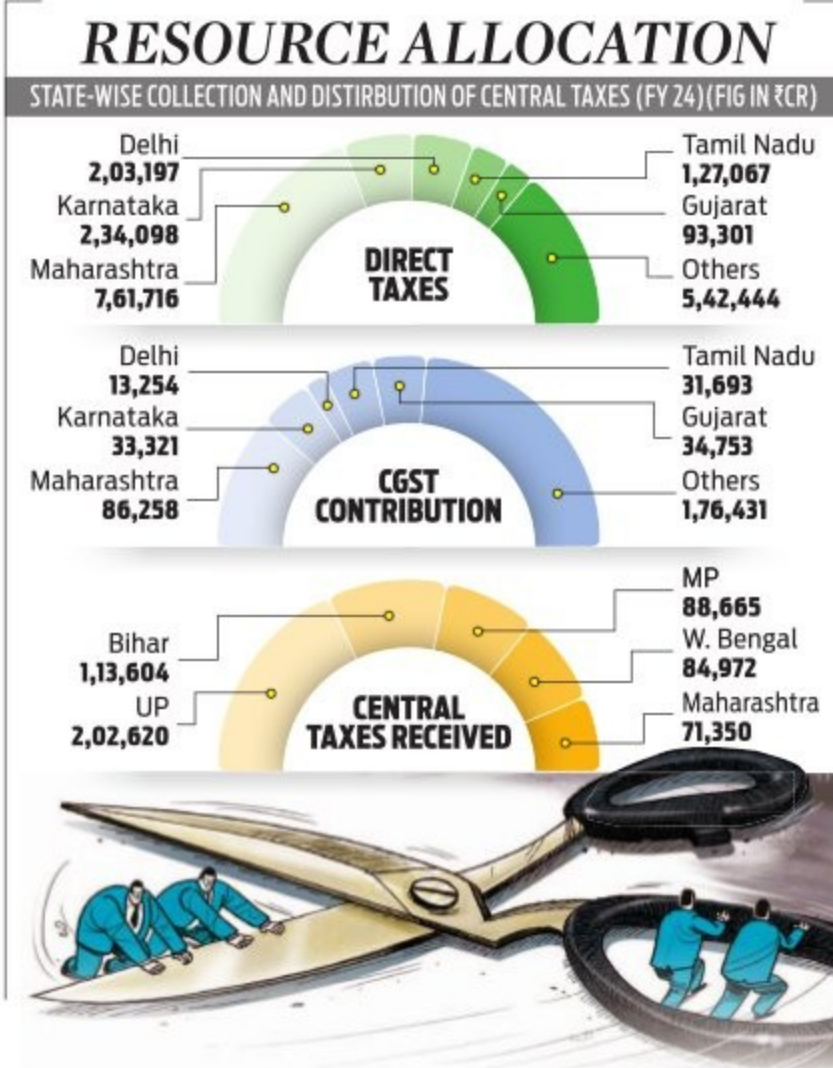
DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

TOP five industrial states of the country contribute more than two-third of the direct taxes collected by the central government, even as less developed states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh are taking away more than a third of tax devolved by the Centre to the states, the government informed parliament on Monday.

Responding to a question in Lok Sabha, minister of state (MoS) for finance Pankaj Chaudhary tabled the total state-wise contribution of direct taxes and Central GST as also state-wise devolution of taxes from FY20 to FY24. As per the data tabled in parliament, five states – Maharashtra, Karnataka, Delhi, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat – accounted for 72% of the direct taxes and 53% of Central GST collected by the government in FY24.

These five states contributed ₹14.2 lakh crore of ₹19.62 lakh crore collected in direct taxes in 2023-24. During the year, these states contributed ₹2 lakh crore of ₹3.75 lakh crore collected via Central GST. GST has three components – Central, state and integrated GST. Integrated GST is collected on inter-state transfer of goods and services. Five southern states – Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala – contribute 25% of the direct taxes and 27% of Central GST collected during FY24. These states received 15% from the Centre's divisible tax pool. The Centre shares 41% of the taxes collected by it with the states.

UP, Bihar and MP received 36% of the tax (₹4 lakh cr of ₹11.3 lakh crore) meant for sharing with the states. These three states contributed only 5% of the total direct tax and Central GST collected by the Centre during that period.



Authorities detect ₹1.95 lakh crore GST evasion this fiscal

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Goods and Services Tax (GST) department has detected ₹1.95 lakh crore tax evasion in over 25,000 cases so far in the current financial year. According to the finance ministry, of the ₹1.95 lakh crore evasion detected, taxpayers have voluntarily submitted ₹21,500 crore.

In the past five years including the current financial year, the total GST evasion detected amounted to ₹6.8 lakh crore, out of which evaders voluntarily deposited ₹1.24 lakh crore.

Of the total GST fraud cases, fake ITC claims worth ₹46,472 crore were detected during the current financial year.

The minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary told parliament that the government has taken several measures for preventing tax evasions such as digitisation through e-invoicing and GST analytics.

CREDIT OUTLOOK

Fitch upgrades credit rating of Adani Energy Solutions

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IN a boost to Adani Energy Solutions (AESL), Fitch Ratings has upgraded the company's credit rating at 'BBB-' from its 'Ratings Watch Negative' list.

This is the first upgrade by the international ratings agency since the US indictment of certain board members of its another group entity, Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) in November 2024. It means AESL is considered financially healthy and capable of repaying its debts. The ratings agency has assigned a "Negative Outlook" to AESL, indicating that there are still some potential risks on the horizon.

"We believe the risks associated with the group's liquidity and funding requirements have moderated. However, the Outlook is Negative to reflect our view that the proceedings and outcome of the US investigations could reveal that the group's corporate governance practices are weaker than we expected and lead to negative rating action in the near to medium term," said the rating agency.

The agency said it assesses that the indictment for alleged securities and wire fraud reflects a corporate governance risk for AESL. A conviction or any indication of weaknesses in Adani group entities' governance practices and internal controls that may come to light as part of the process could put pressure on the ratings. As per the rating agency, the company has demonstrated adequate funding access since the US indictment, having drawn Rs. 51 billion from onshore and off-shore banking facilities. The group company, AGEL, has also raised onshore funding to refinance its \$1.1 billion construction-linked facility, which was due in March 2025.

Govt seeks Parliament's nod to spend additional ₹51,463 crore in FY25

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Monday sought approval from Parliament to spend net additional ₹51,462.86 crore in the current financial year ending March. A significant chunk of this will go towards pension and subsidy on fertiliser.

The gross additional spending sought by the government is over ₹78 lakh crore, of which ₹6.27 lakh crore would be matched by savings and receipts. The net additional spending by the government would be ₹51,462.86 crore in FY25, as per the second batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants tabled by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha.

The additional expenditure includes ₹12,000 crore towards fertiliser subsidy and ₹13,449 crore towards pension for government employees. The total spending includes defence pension of ₹8,476 crore and ₹5,322 crore to the Department of Telecommunications.

Chief Economic Adviser V Anantha Nageswaran on Friday said a significant pick up in the government capex and additional expenditure linked to Maha Kumbh congregation are expected to push fourth quarter GDP growth to 7.6%, which is required to achieve an overall economic expansion of 6.5 per cent in the current financial year.

Briefing media on the Q3 GDP number, he said data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) augurs well, and the estimate for FY25 is realistic. During Q3FY25, the country's economic growth rate fell to 6.2% as against 9.5% a year ago, mainly on account of poor performance by mining, manufacturing and all other sectors, except agriculture.

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Account errors affect IndusInd network

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

PRIVATE sector lender IndusInd Bank has estimated an adverse impact of approximately 2.35% of its net worth as of December 2024 due to discrepancies in accounting derivatives portfolio. In regulatory filing to exchanges, Pune, Maharashtra-based bank has said that in a recent internal review, it has identified discrepancies in its accounting processes related to "Other Assets" and "Other Liabilities" within its derivatives portfolio.

The review was conducted following the implementation of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Master Direction on Classification, Valuation, and Operation of Investment Portfolio of Commercial Banks, 2023, which came



into effect on April 1, 2024.

The detailed internal assessment, which flagged the irregularities, is now being independently reviewed by a reputed external agency appointed by the bank, said the bank in the regulatory filing. The final report from the external agency is still awaited.

Once the external review is

'RBI not comfortable with my leadership skills'

The Reserve Bank of India is "not comfortable with my leadership skills" of running IndusInd Bank Ltd, said CEO Sumanth Kathpalia, who was last week given an extension of one year instead of three. This is the second time that the RBI approved a shorter tenure for Kathpalia than what the board had proposed.

concluded, the bank has assured that it will take appropriate steps to reflect any necessary adjustments in its financial statements.

Despite the one-time impact, the bank has stated that its profitability and capital adequacy remain healthy, providing adequate cushion to absorb the potential hit. IndusInd Bank's net worth as of March

31, 2024 was ₹61,445 crore, which means the bank's net worth has taken a hit of ₹1,450 crore due to the said accounting discrepancies.

The development was discussed at the bank's Board meeting, which commenced at 4:12 pm IST on Monday.

The RBI has introduced a revised regulatory framework for banks' investment portfolios to align with global standards and best practices. Key updates include symmetric treatment of fair value gains and losses, a clearly defined trading book under Held for Trading (HFT), removal of the 90-day holding period limit for HFT, elimination of caps on Held to Maturity (HTM) investments, and enhanced disclosure requirements. The bank's shares declined nearly 4% on Monday.

NCLAT upholds ICICI Sec delisting, dismisses appeal against NCLT order

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a major relief for ICICI Bank and ICICI Securities, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Monday dismissed petitions challenging ICICI Securities' delisting process from the stock exchanges.

A Delhi-based two-member NCLAT bench, comprising Justice Yogesh Khanna and Technical Member Ajay Das Mehrotra, dismissed petitions filed by Quantum Mutual Fund and Manu Rishi Gupta, a public shareholder.

Quantum and Gupta had argued that the share swap ratio was unfair to minority shareholders and filed a petition in NCLAT against National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approval.

They also contended that the exemption granted by the market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) and the valuation details were not adequately disclosed to shareholders.

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NCLAT also said that the valuation report was prepared by independent valuers and supported by fairness opinions. Further, it stated that the

contenders did not meet the threshold of holding at least 10% of the shareholding required to challenge the scheme under Section 230(4) of the Companies Act, 2013.

ICICI Securities announced plans in June 2023 to delist and merge with its parent company, ICICI Bank. As per the arrangement, shareholders were set to receive 67 shares of ICICI Bank for every 100 shares of ICICI Securities.

In March 2024, about 72% of shareholders supported this plan. NCLT had earlier dismissed the objections to the delisting given it was approved by a majority of shareholders and complied with all legal and regulatory requirements.

ICICI Securities was listed on the bourses in March 2018. Promoted by one of India's largest private sector lenders (ICICI Bank), ICICI Securities is a key player in the financial product market and investment banking services.

The delisting is expected to smoothen its operational alignment with ICICI Bank.

EXPRESS READ

Rupee falls 38 paise to 87.33 against US dollar

New Delhi: The rupee depreciated by 38 paise, its steepest decline in more than a month, to close at 87.33 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday because of volatile crude oil prices amid US tariff uncertainties and continued outflow of foreign funds. At the interbank foreign exchange, rupee opened weak at 87.24 and touched low of 87.36 amid intense volatility. ENS

Sebi tightens rules for launching SME IPO

New Delhi: Markets regulator Sebi has notified a stricter regulatory framework for small and medium enterprise (SME) IPOs by introducing a profitability requirement and capping a 20% limit on offer-for-sale (OFS). The reforms aim to provide SMEs with a sound track record an opportunity to raise funds from the public while protecting investor interests. ENS

User-set spending limits, age-gating for gamers

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

WITH an aim to safeguard the interests of over 50 crore Indian gamers, three gaming industry bodies - the All India Gaming Federation (AIGF), the Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS), and the E-Gaming Federation (EGF), have jointly adopted a code of ethics (CoE). This CoE will apply to all online gaming operators who are members of the federations and offer skill-based real-money gaming services in India. The industry bodies said prin-

ciples of CoE include responsible gaming practices such as age gating, no operations in restricted states, and robust KYC mechanisms. It includes safeguarding data, management of player funds, fair gaming practices, apart from providing clear and accurate information to players for informed decisions with options to self-exclude and set limits. CoE consists of support for vulnerable players by providing them tools and resources for identifying and assisting at-risk players and ethical advertising and promotions.



These practices have been adopted by operators at a time when there is a rise in unethical gambling operators. Anuraag Saxena, CEO of EGF, said, "National interest, consumer inter-

est, and industry's interest have suffered for too long. Unethical operators have been harming the nation, its exchequer, and its people." He added that the adoption of these standards reinforces their commitment to accountability via third-party audits, responsible gaming policies, and ethical business practices.

Roland Landers, CEO, AIGF, said through collaboration with other federations, they are setting new benchmarks for ethical gaming, strengthening the credibility of the country's online gaming sector.

Ola Electric shares lose two-thirds of value from 52-week highs

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

OLA ELECTRIC MOBILITY is witnessing a decline in its share price, losing two-thirds of its value since its peak in August 2024.

The stock, which hit an all-time high of Rs 157.53 on August 20, 2024, is now trading at Rs 53.80, reflecting a steep discount of 66%. This sharp decline is attributed to a combination of factors, including falling sales, accumulating losses, and regulatory hurdles. On Monday, shares of the electric two-

wheeler manufacturer fell nearly 5% following reports of store raids, vehicle seizures and the shutdown of showrooms. This drop mirrors a similar decline the company experienced recently when it laid off nearly 1,000 employees as part of cost-optimization measures.

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sales services to fresh reports of raids and showroom closures, Ola Electric has been in the news for all the wrong reasons. On the other hand, competitors like Bajaj Auto and TVS Motor are growing steadily without creating any fuss," said the analyst while request-

ing anonymity. He added that the company's poor performance in Q3FY25 has further exacerbated its troubles.

Ola Electric reported a 19% year-on-year fall in revenue in Q3FY25, with net losses surging to ₹564 crore as against ₹376 crore in the same quarter of

the previous fiscal year. The company's sales have also been under significant pressure. In February 2025, Ola Electric sold over 25,000 units, marking a 26% decline compared to the 33,846 units sold in the same month the previous year.

While Ola claims it remains the market leader in the electric two-wheeler segment, its sales and market share have declined significantly from the highs of last year. This drop comes despite new product launches and aggressive discounts offered by the company.



England batter Harry Brook faces a two-year ban from the IPL after pulling out of his deal with Delhi Capitals ahead of the tournament beginning March 22. The 26-year-old had earlier withdrawn from the 2024 edition of IPL following the death of his grandmother. Any foreign player who skips the IPL after getting picked at the auction faces two-year ban from the IPL unless he is injured.

RELIEF. REDEMPTION. RAHUL

The 32-year-old rises to the occasion in knockouts, proves why he is one of the best middle-order batters in the world

GOMESH S @ Chennai

WHEN KL Rahul said he was s***ing himself — in conversation with the broadcaster after the final in the middle at the Dubai International Stadium, he was being serious. Not in the literal sense, but mentally. For he knows what it feels to not hold his own in a summit clash. He knows what it is like to go into a shell and watch a global title fall through his hands.

He had been there before. In fact, on multiple occasions. As replacement opener in the 2019 Men's ODI World Cup semifinal, as the opener in 2021 and 2022 Men's T20 World Cup and more recently as middle-order keeper-batter at the Narendra Modi Stadium on the dreaded afternoon of November 19, 2023. While every single one of them would have hurt, the last one perhaps was the most painful. If he was given a chance to go back and change one thing, the thing that he regrets the most, it would be that evening where he struggled to get going and made 66 of 107 balls.

He admitted as much in a conversation with R Ashwin for the latter's YouTube channel. "The first thing that comes to my mind is the finals in Ahmedabad against Australia 2023. I was just stuck in that moment of whether I take down Mitchell Starc... it was reversing, he was bowling from a difficult angle for me to attack him... I was just stuck in between whether to attack or just play him and then take a chance on the other side. And in that confusion ended up nicking the ball and getting out at a crucial time. I felt like if I had continued that innings and gone on to



KL Rahul played a vital role in both semifinal and final to make sure India got their hands on the ICC Champions Trophy | ICC

play the rest of the 12 overs or whatever was left, we could have probably had 30-40 runs more and we could have probably had a World Cup in our hands. That's something I'll regret," he would say.

While Rahul did not even play the slowest innings on the day — Marnus Labuschagne made 58 not out from 110 — but such was the magnanimity of the occasion and the scar that left on a billion people, the 32-year-old has been on the receiving end of a significant amount of flak and was abused almost every single time he failed. It became a cycle of sorts. Every time a squad is picked — whether it is ODIs or Test — Rahul

becomes the first question. Should he start? Can he perform? And when he is picked and performs, the questions become about will he perform today every time he steps on to the field.

So much so that despite being one of the best middle-order batters in the last five years — he is the second leading run-scorer since 2020 (No 4-7) with 1981 runs at 58.26 average and 93.97 strike rate — his place in the ODI XI was constantly questioned. Rahul had even gotten used to it. "...not always am I going to be right. I will fail sometimes. I will make mistakes, I will make mistakes in reading the game and that's the

beauty of sport and for me if my heart is in the right place and if I am thinking that this is the best way for me to win the game, then I can go back home and sleep peacefully. But yes, I do read about it. And if it's valid, then I'll take it into account," he said in one of the earlier press conferences.

The team management, meanwhile, knew better. "KL averages 50 in one day cricket, that's the answer," is all head coach Gautam Gambhir had to say when asked he felt vindicated after Rahul guided India home in the semifinal against Australia last week. While that crucial knock itself felt like a redemption, the actual one

came on Sunday. All-important final, the responsibility of seeing through the chase in his hands and Rahul, in his own words, was "s***ing myself at the end".

That said, he too knew all he had to do was stay in the middle. So long as he bats, he and the rest could take the team across the line. He knew he had the talent for it. Everyone knew. From captain Rohit Sharma to coach Gambhir to teammate Hardik Pandya, that is all they could talk about. But Rahul knew something else. It is not just the talent that matters, but holding his composure and not letting the pressure get to him as he did on November 19, 2023. And he did just that. He batted one ball at a time, remained unbeaten on 34 from 33 balls — just one four and a six — but what mattered in the end was him standing in the middle, hand aloft as Ravindra Jadeja embraced him.

Yes, it was Jadeja who hit the winning runs, but that was Rahul's moment. It was his day of redemption as the Karnataka batter won his first global title as India cricketer. "I'm very happy at the moment, ICC victories are not so easy to get. It's my first one so I'm very happy. Over the moon," Rahul would say later. Just as he walked off the pitch minutes after the game was won, Rahul raised his bat above in his right hand, looking into the sky and soaked it all in, the fireworks went off. It made for a perfect picture — just the first of many that would be posted on his social media.

And Sunday night was definitely just the first of the many global titles Rahul will win for India.

Anurag Thakur set to contest for top post in BFI elections

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

IN a dramatic twist to Boxing Federation of India (BFI) elections, former sports minister Anurag Thakur's name has been nominated from the Himachal Pradesh Boxing Association (HPBA) as one of the two members of the electoral roll. After much delay, the BFI had called for an Annual General Meeting on March 28 where the elections for the new executive body would be held. According to BFI's notice, March 10 was the last day for sending nominations.

As reported by this newspaper, Thakur is now in line to contest for the top post of the BFI. There are issues regarding his membership in the HPBA but after the 16.08.2022 Delhi High Court order, the restrictive clause regarding office-bearer candidature has been removed. A name needs to be nominated by a state unit. It needs to be seen what BFI does regarding Thakur's name. The final roll will be released on Tuesday by the Returning Officer RK Gauba, who's a former high court judge.

Rajesh Bhandari, the president of HPBA, confirmed this development and said that the former sports minister's name was forwarded by the HPBA secretary Surender Kumar Shandil. Bhandari is the second member to be part of the electoral roll. It is understood that an informal meeting has been organised in Delhi by supporters of Thakur on Tuesday and some senior members of the BFI are expected to attend.

Olympic medallist Vijender Singh, who was looking to enter the elections, could not find a state to nominate him.

BFI president Ajay Singh is seeking re-election and things could get interesting with Thakur entering the picture. He also has some backing and like the last election, where he had to face a stiff challenge from senior BJP leader Ashish Shelar in 2021, it could be a close race for the top post.

Bhandari, also the former secretary in the boxing federation (IABF and BFI), too has a significant hold in the boxing body. It is understood that secretary general, Hemanta Kalita, could also play a key role in the elections. "We welcome Anurag Thakur to the boxing fraternity," said Bhandari. "His experience in sports administration and acumen will help boxing to attain new heights." Thakur was Indian cricket board (BCCI) secretary and president as well. What is also interesting is the fact that Thakur was part of the sports ministry until the elections last year. The sports ministry also calls for meetings of National Sports Federation (NSF) officials, including the president and secretary. If Thakur gets elected as the president of the BFI, it will be interesting how the ministry officials interact with him. The post of the secretary will also be up for grabs.

MAJOR TEST: SINDHU & CO AIM FOR BIG SERVICE

With the All England Open Badminton Championships — BWF World Tour Super 1000 event — starting today, Indian badminton players will be hoping to show some spark. Talking points...

Quiet start

The 2025 BWF season is still raw and the Indian shuttlers are yet to leave a sizeable mark. Lakshya Sen, who is regarded as one of the country's biggest hopefuls, has struggled to get the desired results so far. HS Prannoy is still looking to find his groove after his return while PV Sindhu, after glimpses of promise during the India Open, has barely played much and will be hoping to get some wins under her belt.

Seeking winning touch

Even the ever-reliable doubles combination of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have not been at their best after a decent start to the year. Satwik has also had his share of bouts with injuries. Away from sport, he lost his father recently and it remains to be seen how navigates this difficult phase.

Chasing history

Over the last decade or so, Indians have conquered many feats across competitions. But the All England title has eluded them. Since Prakash Padukone's historic win in 1980 and Pullela Gopichand's success in 2001, no Indian has managed to capture the coveted title. Saina Nehwal and Lakshya came close in 2015 and 2022, finishing as runners-up, while Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand (women's doubles) reached the semifinals in 2022 and 2023.

Indian watch (Rd 1 ties)

Women's singles: Malvika Bansod vs Jia Min Yeo (SGP); PV Sindhu vs Kim Ga Eun (KOR).
Men's singles: Lakshya Sen vs Koki Watanabe (JPN); HS Prannoy vs Toma Junior Popov (FRA).
Men's doubles: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty vs Daniel Lundgaard/Mads Vestergaard (DEN).
Women's doubles: Priya Konjengbam/Shruti Mishra vs Ha Na Baek/So Hee Lee (KOR); Tanisha Crasto/Ashwini Ponnappa vs Pei Shan Hsieh/En-Tzu Hung (TPE); Treasa Jolly/Gayatri Gopichand vs Shuo Yun Sung/Chen Hui Yu (TPE).
Mixed: Satish Kumar Karunakaran/Aadya Varney vs Xin Ma Guo/Fang Hui Chen (CHN); Dhruv Kapila/Tanisha Crasto vs Ruttanapak Outhong/Jhenicha Sudjaraparat (THA); Rohan Kapoor/Rutvik Shivane Gaddie vs Hong Wei Ye/Nicole Gonzales Chan (TPE).

Dates: March 11-16
Venue: Utilita Arena Birmingham, England
Prize money: \$1,450,000

BENDUCKETT (ENG)

One of the few English batters to have come out with an enhanced reputation, the southpaw did what he does best: use the field restriction in the powerplay with a lot of success. ● **Mat 3 | Runs 227**

RACHIN RAVINDRA (NZ)

The Black Caps player who continues to make a name for himself in ICC events. He is on course to replace Kane Williamson as their primary batting lodestar going forward. ● **Mat 4 | Runs 263 | Wkts 3**

VIRAT KOHLI (IND)

Was at his best when he aced a couple of chases, especially in the semi-final against Australia. Sandwiched between a couple of hitters on either side, his role in this team is clear. ● **Mat 5 | Runs 218**

SHREYASIYER (IND)

Has really come into his own over the last 16 months or so and this tournament was a continuation of his skin-hitting skills. Has also improved vastly against the short ball. ● **Mat 5 | Runs 243**

AXAR PATEL (IND)

Was entrusted with the task of batting and bowling through the middle-overs, roles he fulfilled with devastating effect. Is one of the pre-eminent all-rounders on Asian surfaces. ● **Mat 5 | Runs 109 | Wkts 5**

KL RAHUL (WK/IND)

The team's wicket-keeper and the man who brought home several chases when under pressure. Has developed into a fine lower-order batter even if it's not his natural home. ● **Mat 5 | Runs 140**

Express XI

With the Champions Trophy coming to a close, here's our outside of the tournament...

AZMATULLAH OMARZAI (AFG)

Was ear-marked as one of the next best cricketers from Afghanistan when he broke through and he's living upto the hype. Will share the new ball in this outfit. ● **Mat 3 | Runs 126 | Wkts 7**

GLENN PHILLIPS (NZ)

Having a specialist batter at No. 8 is perhaps an overkill but we like batting depth and gun fielders. Has quietly compiled a great tournament with his death-overs hitting and fielding. ● **Mat 5 | Runs 177 | Wkts 2**



MATT HENRY (NZ)

He missed the final due to injury and still ended up being the leading wicket-taker. Had he played, Black Caps might have had a better chance against India. ● **Mat 4 | Wkts 10**

VARUNCHAKRAVARTHY (IND)

Easily, the biggest game changer for India. The mystery spinner made most batters look clueless, forcing them to take risk against other spinners while taking wickets himself. ● **Mat 3 | Wkts 9**

NO 12: HARDIK PANDYA

MITCHELL SANTNER (C/NZ)

Like a lot of previous Kiwi captains, quietly did his thing while ensuring excellent standards. Was outstanding with the ball as always in clutch situations. ● **Mat 5 | Wkts 9**

EXPRESS READ

Race walker Nitin batters youth record

PATNA: Nitin Gupta of Uttar Pradesh hogged the limelight as he broke the national youth record in 5,000m race walk event on the opening day of the National Youth Athletics Championship here on Monday. On his way to winning gold medal in the boys' 5,000m event, the 17-year-old clocked 19:24.48 seconds to improve his own national record of 20:01.64 set last year in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Swiatek, Medvedev in Round 4 of Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS: Defending champion Iga Swiatek edged closer to an unprecedented third Indian Wells WTA title Sunday, overwhelming Dayana Yastremska 6-0, 6-2 to reach the fourth round. Swiatek's 65-minute victory set the tone on a day that saw Daniil Medvedev spend just 10 minutes on court before ailing opponent Alex Michelsen retired. Swiatek was in full control as she won the first 10 games.

Mohammedan Sporting remain winless at home

KOLKATA: Mohammedan Sporting held Punjab FC to a 2-2 draw to end their debut Indian Super League (ISL) season without a home win here on Monday. The Kolkata-based team, trailing by two goals at one point, produced a laudable outing in the second half to bag the draw. Punjab FC were ahead 2-0 but Mohammedan restored parity through Marc Schmerbock (58th) and Robi Hansda (66th) to draw the game.



Harmanpreet Kaur slams 54 off just 33 balls to take MI to 179/6 | SPORTZPICS

WPL: Kaur, Kerr show guides Mumbai home

ENS @ Chennai

BHARTI Fulmali's 62 went in vain as Mumbai Indians defeated Gujarat by nine runs in the Women's Premier League on Monday.

Batting first, Mumbai opened with Hayley Matthews and Amelia Kerr for the second time and it did not pay much dividends. However, Matthews and Natalie Sciver-Brunt got going in the powerplay to score 44 runs. Even when Matthews fell, the English all-rounder found a partner in captain Harmanpreet Kaur. Ashleigh Gardner's patient bowling helped her get rid of Sciver-Brunt, which pushed Kaur to accelerate her batting. Amanjot Kaur

accelerated at the other end. That knock helped Mumbai keep their momentum, as Kaur brought up her 7th half-century in the WPL. She fell, but Yastika Bhati added 13 runs off four balls to take Mumbai to 179.

In the change, Gujarat also opted to go with a new batting pair of Beth Mooney and Kashvee Gautam; the Australian opener could not get going and was dismissed by Matthews off her first ball. Gujarat went through a mini-collapse before Fulmali started hitting out of the park. Her innings was not enough as Gujarat were bowled out for 170.

Brief scores: MI 179/6 in 20 ovs (Kaur 54, Sciver-Brunt 38, Amanjot 27) bt GG 170 all out in 20 ovs (Fulmali 61, Deol 24; Kerr 3/34).

AGENCIES @ Liverpool

LIVERPOOL boss Arne Slot described Paris Saint Germain's visit as the second of "three finals" in a week, but has warned much more is needed from the Premier League leaders to progress to the Champions League quarterfinals.

The Reds escaped the Parc des Princes with a 1-0 lead last week despite being battered by the French champions, who came up against an inspired Alisson Becker in the Liverpool goal. The Brazilian number one said his nine-save display was the "performance of his life".

Never before have Liverpool won the first leg of a European tie away and let the lead slip at Anfield. However, Slot is taking nothing for granted based on what he saw from PSG.

Luis Enrique remained upbeat his side are "going to do it" despite suffering a first defeat in 23 games. Adding to Slot's concern was the lethargic first 45 minutes from his side against rock bottom Southampton in Saturday's 3-1 win that forced the Dutchman into three half-time substitutions.

The League Cup final against Newcastle is also around the corner on Sunday with Slot



Barcelona players during a training session on Monday | AFP

very much on track for a treble in his first season in charge. "The first of three finals," he said of the victory over Southampton.

Leverkusen need 'big miracle'

BERLIN: Bayer Leverkusen coach Xabi Alonso must channel the "Miracle of Istanbul", Liverpool's incredible come-

back to win the 2005 Champions League final in which he was key, to overcome Bayern Munich on Tuesday. On that day, then Liverpool midfielder Alonso scored the equaliser against AC Milan as the Reds came from 3-0 down at half-time to draw 3-3, before winning the match on penalties. After Bayern's 3-0 win in Munich in the first leg of their last 16 tie, the deficit is the same for Leverkusen and Alonso going into the return fixture.

Tuesday's matches (13:00am unless specified): Barcelona vs Benfica (11:15pm); Inter vs Feyenoord; Liverpool vs PSG; Leverkusen vs Bayern. Live on Sony Sports Network



A 2021 study by Pennsylvania State University suggested that consuming just two mushrooms a day (approximately 18g) could reduce the risk of cancer by 45%. The study, published in *Advances in Nutrition*, looked at 17 cancer studies from 1966 to 2020, analysing more than 19,500 people who developed cancer

WHAT THE STUDY SAYS

- Kurkure chhatu (*astraeus asiaticus*), a wild edible mushroom, contains powerful bioactive compounds that can kill cancer cells while sparing the healthy ones
- These mushrooms collected from Beliatore, Joypur, and Gangajal-ghati forest areas in Bankura contained a significant amount of total phenols, flavonoids, and ascorbic acids
- Researchers found the mushroom extract activates the apoptotic (programmed death) of cancerous cells
- It simultaneously enhances the expression of anti-tumorous genes that can lead to production of proteins that suppress cancer progression
- Experts believe this edible mushroom could inspire the development of next-generation cancer therapies that are less toxic and more targeted



Kurkure chhatu is a wild edible mushroom commonly found in the forests of Bankura and Birbhum in West Bengal

Could there be a cure for cancer in mushrooms of Bengal forest?

HEMANT KUMAR ROUT @Bhubaneswar

MUSHROOMS found in the forests of Bankura and Birbhum in West Bengal could become a game-changer in cancer treatment. According to an article published in the science journal *Nature*, 'kurkure chhatu' (*astraeus asiaticus*), a wild edible mushroom commonly found in these regions, contains powerful bioactive compounds that can kill cancer cells while sparing the healthy ones. Researchers at the cancer research unit at the PG department of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College, Kolkata, say they have discovered potent anticancer and antioxidant properties in *astraeus asiaticus*. They found that extracts from the mushroom, which has been traditionally consumed by locals for its unique taste, can significantly destroy cancer cells, particularly in cases of cervical, breast, and lung cancers and prevent the growth of cancerous tumours leaving normal cells unharmed. "This mushroom extract showed remarkable selectivity, attacking only cancerous cells unlike conventional chemotherapy, which often damages healthy cells alongside malignant ones. This discovery opens up new possibilities for developing safer and more effective cancer drugs using natural compounds. Initial laboratory test results are promising, and further clinical trials could pave the way for pharmaceutical applications," said scientist Swapan Kumar Ghosh, the lead author of the study.

What the study suggests

The research article *Mycochemistry, antioxidant, anticancer activity, and molecular docking of compounds of F12 of ethyl acetate extract of Astraeus asiaticus with Bcl2 and Caspase 3* revealed that the mushrooms collected from Beliatore, Joypur, and Gangajal-ghati forest areas in Bankura contained a significant amount of total phenols, flavonoids, and ascorbic acids. The researchers found different functional



groups in the extract with different characteristic peak values.

A fraction of the mushroom extract labelled F12, which is a mixture of six bioactive compounds, was found to have anticancer and antioxidant properties. It demonstrated the greatest radical scavenging activity against cervical, lung, and breast cancer cell lines in laboratory studies.

After 24 hour of treatment, F12 reduced the cancer cell growth by around 90%, triggering apoptosis (programmed cell death) in the HeLa (a cell line found in case of cervical cancer), MCF-7 (breast), and A549 (lung) cancer cell lines. The extract worked wonders by up-regulating pro-apoptotic proteins (Caspase 3, Caspase 9, and P53) while down-regulating Bcl2, a key protein that helps cancer cells survive.

"Molecular docking was conducted to find out the binding affinity, stability, and drug-likeness properties of these compounds. It was discovered that the F12 fraction of *astraeus asiaticus* extract containing six bioactive compounds was a promising antioxidant and anticancer agent and the use of this fraction in cancer treatment will be crucial for future drug development," the study stated.

As per a recent study by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), three in every five people in India die of cancer following diagnosis and women bear a 'disproportionate burden' compared to men. An analysis of global cancer data estimates that the incidence to mortality ratio in the US was found to be about one in four, while in China it was one in two. The ICMR study found that India ranked third in cancer incidence.

A natural cancer fighter

Although West Bengal ranks third in cancer prevalence, with over one lakh new cancer cases each year, some areas surrounding the forest areas in Bankura and Birbhum report little or no cancer cases, and this enthused Ghosh. After years-long research, his

team found that these mushrooms could be the natural healer. They are now working on isolating and synthesising the key compounds in *astraeus asiaticus* for potential pharmaceutical use. Clinical trials and drug development efforts will determine how soon this discovery can be translated into real-world treatments.

Experts believe this edible mushroom could inspire the development of next-generation cancer therapies that are less toxic and more targeted. "Given the increasing demand for targeted and less toxic cancer therapies, this new study suggests that *Astraeus asiaticus* could be valuable for developing natural anticancer drugs," Dr Raka Hota, haemato-oncopathologist and lab director at Bagchi Sri Shankara Cancer Centre and Research Institute, Bhubaneswar, said.

"The researchers have found that the mushroom extract activates the apoptotic pathway to destroy the cancerous cells and simultaneously enhances the expression of anti-tumorous genes. However, further research, including human trials, is required to validate its clinical efficacy. If further validated, this discovery could offer a cost-effective and natural alternative to conventional cancer treatments," Dr Hota added.

Mushroom as medicine

Mushroom, a staple in diets around the world, have been historically viewed as part of human society owing to its medicinal and food values. A previous study by Pennsylvania State University suggested that consuming just two mushrooms a day (approximately 18g) could reduce the risk of cancer by 45%. For over three decades, medicinal mushrooms have been integrated into standard cancer treatments in Japan and China. There are several types of mushrooms that are used as traditional medicines in Asia. Some mushrooms have also exhibited antibacterial, antifungal, antiviral, antiparasitic, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antidiabetic, and anticoagulant activities. Certain compounds, such as beta-glucans found in turkey tail mushrooms, are believed to boost immune responses against cancer cells.

Dr Sachin Sekhar Biswal, senior medical oncologist at Manipal Hospitals, said cancer is known to be caused by dysregulation in cell cycle signalling and programmed cell death pathways which is why a lot of research is going on to tweak the pathways to prevent carcinogenesis. "Utilising naturally occurring chemicals or foods and supplements in preventing cancer is not new. However, the recent study involving *astraeus asiaticus* shows a promising compound with anti-cancer activity in pre-clinical studies. The compound F12 has shown a broad spectrum of activity against various cancer cells. But the clinical study is yet to be done. It will provide more evidence on its application in various cancer types," he added.

AGE INCREASES RISK OF PROSTATE AILMENTS

Age is the most significant risk factor for prostate cancer, with the majority of cases occurring in men over 50, particularly after 65. The risk increases if there is family history of prostate cancer, especially if a close relative was diagnosed before 60, says **Dr Jaspreet S Sandhu**, urologic surgeon at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, in an interview with **Affan Abdul Kadar**. Edited excerpts:

● What factors can affect prostate health?

Prostate health can be influenced by several factors, some of which are beyond our control, such as age and genetics. Age is the most significant risk factor, with the majority of prostate cancer cases occurring in men over 50, particularly after 65. A family history of prostate cancer, especially if a close relative was diagnosed before 60, increases your risk. Ethnicity also plays a role, as African American men are more likely to develop prostate cancer and have more advanced stages when diagnosed. Unlike prostate cancer, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) presents with symptoms like frequent urination or inability to urinate. BPH is a disease of aging with roughly 50% of men above the age of 50 having some element of BPH. It's important to talk to your doctor about your individual risk factors.

● What is the role of one's lifestyle in triggering prostate cancer?

As for lifestyle's role in prostate cancer and BPH, while it's not the sole cause, it can impact your risk. A healthy lifestyle, including maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, and eating a balanced diet, may lower the risk. Diets rich in plant-based foods and low in red and processed meats are encouraged. Obesity, though not directly linked to an increased risk of prostate cancer, has been associated with more aggressive forms of the disease. Exercise can actually benefit those that are being treated for prostate cancer. Smoking doesn't appear to directly cause prostate cancer, but it can also worsen health outcomes related to cancer. A healthy lifestyle can make a meaningful difference in overall prostate health. Finally, anabolic steroids such as those used by bodybuilders and exogenous testosterone may play a role in initiation or progression of prostate cancer.

● In your experience of two decades, who are more prone to prostate ailments?

Certain groups of individuals are more prone to prostate ailments due to a combination of biological and environmental factors. Men over 50, particularly those above 65, are most prone to prostate ailments. Family history significantly increases risk, especially if relatives were diagnosed young. African American men are also at higher risk, often with more aggressive conditions. Lifestyle factors like obesity, poor diet, and inactivity can contribute but are manageable with proactive care and regular screenings.

● How has the treatment for prostate cancer improved over the years – both in terms of patient-care and healthcare?

Early detection has significantly improved, thanks to better screening methods, allowing for more effective treatments and higher survival rates. Today, over 90% of prostate cancer patients survive at least 10 years post-diagnosis, a significant improvement from the past. This is largely due to advances in surgical techniques, radiation therapies, and targeted medical treatments. This has also led to an understanding that active surveillance for low-risk prostate cancer is appropriate and preferred in most men with low-risk prostate cancer.

Understanding the diverse nature of prostate cancer has led to more personalised treatment plans.

● For localised tumours, options such as focal therapy or partial gland ablation target only the cancerous portion of the prostate, minimising damage to surrounding healthy tissue.

● In cases of aggressive cancer, a combination of treatments like hormone therapy, brachytherapy, external beam radiation therapy, and increasingly surgery is employed to effectively manage the disease.

● Surgical treatments, such as radical prostatectomies, have become more precise with the use of robotic and laparoscopic techniques, reducing complications and improving recovery times.

● Radiation therapy has also seen significant improvements, with techniques like Image-guided, intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IG-IMRT) and stereotactic radiosurgery offering highly targeted treatments with minimal damage to surrounding tissues.

● What can patients coming in for prostate cancer treatment expect, or what should they keep in mind?

When it comes to prostate cancer treatment, patients can expect a comprehensive, personalised care plan that takes into account the unique nature of their condition. Prostate cancer varies greatly from person to person, and treatment approaches are tailored accordingly. Some patients may be diagnosed with slow-growing, localised tumours that require active surveillance, while others may need more aggressive interventions. The treatment process is not one-size-fits-all, and ongoing monitoring through blood tests, imaging, and regular check-ups is crucial to evaluate how the cancer is responding to treatment.

● Any side effects of treatment that patients should be aware of or be mentally prepared for?

Patients undergoing prostate cancer treatment should be aware of potential side effects, although many can be managed with the right support and care. Surgery, such as radical prostatectomy, can lead to urinary incontinence and erectile dysfunction, which may improve with rehabilitation. Radiation therapy often causes fatigue, bladder and bowel irritation, and changes in urinary function, while hormone therapy can result in hot flashes, weight gain, and decreased bone density. However, advancements in precision medicine, such as image-guided radiation therapy (IG-IMRT), have minimised some of these side effects by targeting cancer cells more precisely.



INTERVIEW
DR JASPREET S SANDHU

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USHA (name changed), 62, was experiencing sudden and painless loss of vision in the right eye for one day when she turned up at the out-patient department. On examination, vitreous haemorrhage, bleeding inside the vitreous - the space in the eye filled with a gel-like fluid, was noted in the right eye, leading to the sudden loss of vision. "Upon examination, we came to know that she is a known case of type-2 diabetes for the past 15 years. The patient has been on medication, but her blood sugar levels were not well-controlled. After completing the examination, it was concluded that the vitreous haemorrhage in the right eye was a complication of her long-standing, uncontrolled blood sugar levels," said Dr Rahul P Vijayakumar, specialist in ophthalmology at Aster Medcity, Kochi.

The patient was also presented with severe diabetic retinal changes, including proliferative diabetic retinopathy in the left eye. However, the patient denied ever having been screened for eye changes. "She was aware that diabetes could affect the eyes but had never sought to check for it. Further examination revealed a significant reduction in vision in the left eye as well," he added.

The right eye was managed surgically, and the retina of both eyes was treated with a laser. The left eye also showed significant diabetic macular oedema, for which intravitreal injections were administered. As a result, a significant amount of her vision was salvaged. According to Dr Rahul, the number of people who are affected by eye diseases following uncontrolled diabetes is high.

"In people with diabetes, who often go blind from diabetic retinopathy, there is a higher chance of developing glaucoma and



Diabetic patients must undergo eye screening regularly

vascular blocks. Also, diabetic people may experience cataracts 10 years earlier than usual. So controlling diabetes and conducting eye screening can help the patients in multiple ways," said Dr Gopal S Pillai, clinical professor and head of department of ophthalmology at Amrita Hospital, Kochi. He added that it can also cause a sudden loss of vision due to reduced blood flow to the optic nerves of the eyes.

According to a study published in 2021, 'Prevalence of diabetic retinopathy in India: Results from the National Survey 2015-19,' diabetic retinopathy (DR) is an important cause of visual impairment among persons with diabetes. "The prevalence of diabetes is higher in urban areas (11.2%) than in rural areas (5.2%), but diabetic retinopathy does not show this variation. DR accounted for 1.07% of blindness and 1.25% of moderate to

severe visual impairment (MSVI) in 2015," stated the study.

Controlling diabetes

Diabetes mellitus can lead to several ocular complications such as diabetic retinopathy, diabetic papillopathy, glaucoma, cataracts, and ocular surface diseases. "Vision loss in diabetes mellitus can be caused by capillary non-perfusion, diabetic macular oedema (DME), vitreous haemorrhage, tractional retinal detachment and neovascular glaucoma," said Dr Rahul.

Diabetic retinopathy, Dr Gopal added, is a slow progressive disease. "The patients may not notice the disease many times even in the late stages of the condition, and almost always, the first 10-15 years in any patient with diabetic retinopathy is completely asymptomatic. By the time we diagnose the condition,

Eye ailments caused by diabetes

Diabetic retinopathy: Progressive damage of the retina that can lead to blindness

Cataract: Cloudy area in the lens leading to blurred vision

Glaucoma: Damages the optic nerve

Diabetic papillopathy is also seen in type 1 and 2 diabetes mellitus in rare cases

Causes of vision loss in diabetes

Vitreous hemorrhage: Bleeding into the back of the eye

Retinal detachment: Separation of the retina from underlying structures

Neovascular glaucoma: Occurs when new blood vessels grow over iris and in eye's angle

Glaucoma

it might have moved through mild, moderate, and severe stages to reach proliferative stage causing vision loss. In this late stage, proliferative diabetic retinopathy, new blood vessels grow in the retina and can bleed into the eye or detach the retina causing sudden severe vision loss," he emphasized.

"According to research, people with diabetes have a higher risk of developing primary open-angle glaucoma (POAG), a condition usually seen in people in the 60s and 70s. Cataract is a condition that usually affects elderly people. A person with uncontrolled diabetes may be affected by the disease in his or her 40s and 50s; the incidence rate is four times more in diabetes patients," said Dr Susheela B Nair, senior consultant in ophthalmology at KIMS Health, Thiruvananthapuram. Diabetic papillopathy too is seen in

type 1 and 2 diabetes mellitus in rare cases.

Regular screening

Diabetes patients should undergo eye screening at least once a year, according to Dr Nice Rose, chief ophthalmologist at Allen and Harbour Eye Hospital in Kottayam. "The changes in the eye may occur over a period of time - in 5-10 years. If the changes are identified as soon as possible, the progression of the condition can be prevented, and permanent vision loss can be prevented," she said. "Regular screening in diabetic patients can help in identifying the stage of the disease. When treatment is started at the right time, we can retain good vision in 80-85% of people. Also, early detection of complications by regular screening can prevent loss of vision in patients," added Dr Gopal.

Every patient should undergo an eye check-up at the time of detecting diabetes. "If found normal, they can continue with diabetes treatment. If any changes are noticed in the eye, treatment should be started," said Dr Susheela, adding that several people tend to drop treatment and checkups.

Impact on eye health

People with diabetes can experience frequent fluctuations in their refractive status (eye-focusing ability) depending on fluctuations in their blood glucose levels. "In addition to diabetic retinopathy, they may experience both myopic and hyperopic (long sight) shifts - blurry vision. That is why doctors prescribe lenses to patients only after the glucose levels are normal," said Dr Nice, adding that diabetes is recognised for delayed wound healing, which means injuries to the eye, especially cornea, may take longer to heal. "After several years, treatment will also be difficult in the advanced stages of diabetes," she said.



DAY'S DIARY

Fukushima fallout

The Fukushima nuclear disaster occurred on this day in 2011 after a tsunami disabled the reactor cooling systems

THE IMPACT

The Great East Japan Earthquake of magnitude 9.0 at 2.46 pm did considerable damage in the region, and the large tsunami it created caused very much more



A LASTING INJURY

At least 16 workers were injured in the explosions, while dozens more were exposed to radiation as they worked to cool the reactors and stabilise the plant



THE ESCAPE PLAN

Some 47,000 residents left their homes, many people in areas adjacent to the 20-km evacuation warning zone prepared to leave

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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REIMAGINING A CLASSIC

Padma Shri awardee Prathibha Prahlad celebrates 40 years of the Prasiddha Foundation, with a festival that redefines the Ramayana through its powerful women

ANJALI RAM

FOR Prathibha Prahlad, decades of dedication to Bharathanatyam and teaching young artistes started with a determination to make a mark in the world of classical dance, particularly as a representative of Karnataka. Now, the Bengaluru-origin Padma Shri awardee's Prasiddha Foundation, which she started to promote classical dance, is celebrating its 40-year-anniversary with a three-day festival, Prasiddha@40 - A Golden Era Redefined, in New Delhi.

"Back in the '80s, I belonged to a very small group of dancers who were articulate when most artistes did not have the necessary education to speak for themselves and fight for their rights. Because I had education on my side, instead of just building my own career, and lobbying for my own awards, I invested all my time, energy, and money in creating these platforms for the arts," says Prahlad, reflecting on her journey.

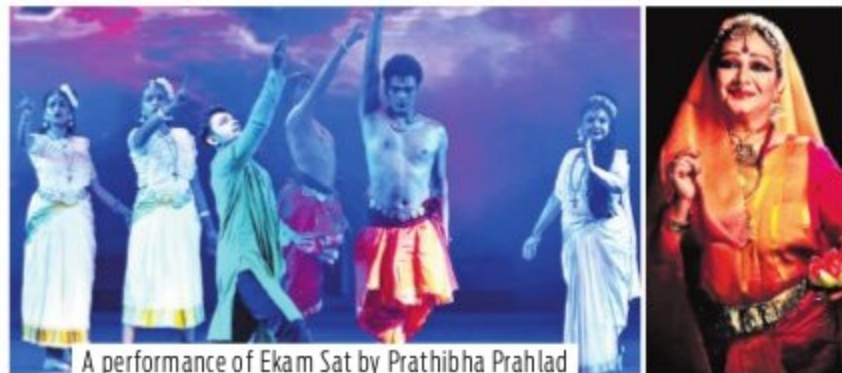
The event, which kicked off on Monday is titled Ramayana Chaitravali and is not only a celebration of classical dance's legacy, but offers a refreshing perspective on ancient tales, particularly focussed on the overlooked women of the Ramayana. "I always wondered why the women of Ramayana are not spoken about," says Prahlad, adding "I want to show the strength, resilience, ability, and energy of these women who propel the story of Rama forward." The festival witnessed the premiere of Sa-

marthya, a performance by Prahlad on these themes.

Featuring artistes of diverse age groups including Mithun Shyam and Surya Rao, other highlights include Prahlad's performance, Ekam Sat, and another titled Bharat After Mahatma, a blend of Bharatanatyam with elements of yoga and meditation. "It is very different because Gandhiji and his ideas were political and philosophical. To translate that through classical dance is a challenge because it's not theatre where you are a character with dialogues," explains Prahlad.

Reflecting on the current artistic landscape in India, Prahlad laments deteriorating standards, saying, "The government spends the budget for culture without paying attention to the quality of the performers, their contribution, and quality of the audience. This money could be well-spent in garnering the best talent, and giving youngsters an opportunity alongside senior dancers." She adds, "The challenge is in solo performance. Holding the attention of an audience for two hours is a real strength and test of your calibre as an artiste."

Prahlad credits B'uru for being a constant support, saying, "My heart is always with Bengalureans who embraced me initially and gave me all the support I needed to become visible on the national stage...as an artiste, as long as I love to dance, and as long as other people want me to, I will dance - for the satisfaction of my soul," she signs off.



A performance of Ekam Sat by Prathibha Prahlad



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'TOO MUCH QUANTITY AFFECTS QUALITY OF WORK'

Popular musician Kailash Kher on his songwriting process, Bengaluru's spirit, and the changing landscape of music consumption

ANUBHAB ROY

IN a time where the mainstream Indian music industry is terribly saturated, it becomes second nature to look back in nostalgic remembrance at figures which entire generations grew up watching or listening to. Kailash Kher is one such name. The popular singer-songwriter, who was in Bengaluru recently with his band Kailasa, treated the audience to classics like Saiyyan and Teri Deewani, alongside what Kher called 'spiritually-inclined songs', like Kaun Hain Voh and Bam Lahiri.

Speaking of the city and its audience, Kher is all praise; "Bengaluru is a beautiful place with a very cosmopolitan culture. It's always a very heart-warming response from the audience each time we perform. I

remember, once, we were performing at Palace Grounds with AR Rahman, and it was raining. We performed for half an hour and the crowd was almost one lakh in capacity. The entire crowd used helmets and umbrellas but none left the grounds. Rain did not shake the event's spirit," he says.

It has been a long time since Kher released a full-length album with almost a decade having passed since his last full-length album, Ishq Anokha, and almost two decades since Jhoome Re, which had one of his greatest hits, Saiyyan. Commenting on how release trends have changed, Kher mentions, "These days, traditional albums usually don't get released the way they used to in the last decade, when CDs were a thing. Now, since everything is online,

we keep releasing singles. In fact, within a few weeks, we are coming up with a new original single, which is in line with songs like Saiyyan, Teri Deewani and Piya Ghar Aavega."

When asked about the songwriting process itself, Kher stresses that not much has changed. "Our process is very traditional, very conventional, and very emotional. Sometimes, situations can inspire us to write something and that writing comes with the tune itself. Once the tune and writing are done, we go to our studio and the engineers basically do the sound programming according to the sensibilities that we brief, and then, when the first draft comes out, the structure is there. Then, we work with Naresh and Paresh Kamath mostly to produce it well."

Kher denies any cultivated

breakaway from making playback music for films, but admits his current focus is on touring with Kailasa. "We keep performing live; we also keep doing cinema recordings a lot but definitely not too much. Because too much quantity affects the quality of work," he states. In terms of the present culture of consumption which, he admits, can sometimes turn towards 'shallow entertainment', a hopeful Kher says, "Kailasa's music is widely accepted and appreciated, and for that we are really grateful to the universe. A unique sound and unique compositions emanate from Kailasa each time, whether it is romantic, inspirational, or spiritual music. All kinds of music are being accepted and appreciated."

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Kailash Kher, musician

No Agenda Space, curated by an Indiranagar resident, aims to be a safe space for all women to rest, work, and exist without expectations

GAYATHRI M KURUP

IN a society that prioritises productivity over well-being, where one is forced to fit into a box and act a certain way, Meghna Chaudhury decided to create something truly unique - No Agenda Space. More than just a physical location, it is a radical reimagining of care, rest, and community, offered freely from her own home. Here, women can exist without expectations, without the pressure to perform, and without constantly pleasing others in order to be accepted.

She highlights how patriarchal structures force individuals to constantly 'perform' their gender, often at great cost to their mental health. By creating a space where women can shed these societal pressures, she offers them an opportunity to simply be themselves.

Unlike co-working spaces or therapy centres, No Agenda Space is deeply personal - it exists within Chaudhury's home in Indiranagar. Every day, she welcomes up to two visitors, providing them with Wi-Fi, a quiet place to work, rest, or read, and the comforting presence of her deaf rescue dog. "I do get tired of hosting," she admits, "but I don't mind if people are around, reading my books, using my paintings, or just sitting quietly. Even when I'm struggling with my own mental health, this kind of companionship helps,"

she says. One of the key aspects of her space is its attentiveness to different mental health needs: she has designed it with ADHD, chronic fatigue, and introversion in mind. People with ADHD often benefit from body doubling - working next to someone to improve focus - while those with chronic fatigue may struggle to even hold a conversation. "Some people just want company without talking," Chaudhury explains, adding, "I wanted to create a space that allows for that."

To make visitors feel at home, she also introduced a community food box, where they can contribute snacks like biscuits, chai packets, or soup - small, affordable items that foster a sense of shared care. Despite the overwhelming demand, Chaudhury has made a deliberate choice to keep the space limited to women including queer women. The decision isn't about exclusion but

Home Outside of Home



about safety. "If this was in a public space, it would be open to everyone, but this is my home. Given the statistics on violence against women, I had to make a choice," she says. She has also ensured that the space, operating between 12pm to 4.30pm, is completely free of cost. She doesn't monitor visitors or ask for feedback - she trusts them to use the space as they need. "It's soft, it's yellow, it's hopefully like being on a piece of sunlight," she describes.

No Agenda Space has already touched the lives of many, even though it began as a simple Instagram post. Chaudhury never expected the response to be so overwhelming, but she has adapted by streamlining the booking process - interested visitors can sign up via her LinkedIn bio or email.

At its core, No Agenda Space challenges the idea that healing must be transactional. In a world that demands much from those who need care, Chaudhury's initiative proves, sometimes, healing is as simple as having a safe place to rest.

CITY READ

NGO celebrates initiative to combat obesity



Novo Nordisk Education Foundation (NNEF) and Embassy REIT celebrated the one-year anniversary of their workplace health initiative, NovoHealth@EmbassyManyata, a weekly 5K run club at Embassy Manyata Business Park, Nagawara, on March 4, to mark World Obesity Day. Key speakers included obesity expert David Macklin of the University of Toronto, Vikram Shrotriya, managing trustee at NNEF, and Ritwik Bhattacharjee, chief executive officer at Embassy REIT. Macklin emphasised the importance of understanding obesity as a chronic disease and said, "It is heartening to see corporate employees taking an active interest towards their health... Obesity is not just a lifestyle disorder but a chronic disease that leaves individuals vulnerable to various non-communicable diseases."

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UNVEILING INDIA'S LOST PAST: HISTORIANS DEMAND A WIDER PERSPECTIVE

The birth centenary programme of Dr. Paduru Gururaja Bhat, organised by the Dr. Paduru Gururaja Bhat Memorial Trust at Town Hall, Udipi, focused on re-examining India's historical narratives, particularly regarding temples and heritage. The event featured insightful discussions and expert analysis. Historian Dr. Vikram Sampath was honoured with the Dr. Paduru Gururaja Bhat Centenary Award for his contributions to historical research.

Sampath emphasised history as a mirror reflecting a nation's culture and civilization. He quoted George Orwell: "Those who control the past, control the future." He highlighted how Macaulay's Minute on Indian Education aimed to create a class of Indians who thought and behaved like the British. He noted that Indian history remains Delhi-centric, neglecting South India and the Northeast.

Citing historical accounts, Sampath mentioned Italian traveller Pietro Della Valle's descriptions of Rani Abbakka's attire, palace, and legacy - figures many Indians remain unaware of. He also recalled Marthanda Varma's victory over the Dutch at the Battle of Colachel



in 1741, which thwarted Dutch colonial ambitions. He also questioned the lack of awareness about the Ahom dynasty, which ruled Assam for over six centuries.

Dr. Surendranath Bopparaju provided an in-depth analysis of temple architecture while Padma Shri awardee K.K. Muhammed discussed restoring 7th-8th century Gujara-Pratihara temples in Bateshwar, Madhya Pradesh.

Trust Chairman Prof. P. Sripathi Tantri stressed the need for an unbiased historical perspective. Secretary Vishwanath Padur highlighted the Trust's role in preserving temple heritage and historical truth.

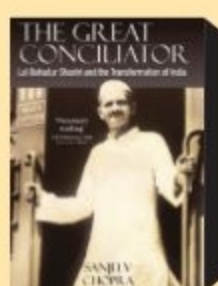
Dr. Malathi Krishnamurthy fondly recalled Gururaja Bhat as a compassionate teacher who inspired generations.

BOOK NOOK



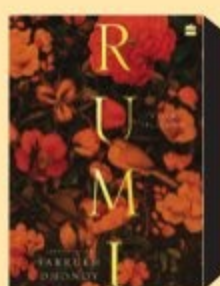
The Bell Jar
By Sylvia Plath

As a college student, Esther Greenwood travelled from Massachusetts to New York to work on a magazine for a month as a guest editor. She is showered with fancy dinners and elite networking. While she should be having the time of her life, she feels dead inside.



The Great Conciliator
By Sanjeev Chopra

In this book, Sanjeev Chopra draws on meticulous research to turn the spotlight on an often overlooked figure in Indian politics and makes a case for reassessing the legacy of India's unassuming second Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri.



Rumi: A New Selection
Translated by Farukh Dhondy

Imbued with lyrical beauty and spiritual insight, the poetry of Jalal al-Din Rumi is an essential read. Artfully translated by Farukh Dhondy, Rumi's words come to life in English, bringing to a new audience this magic-in-verse.



Children's Book: An Indian Story
Edited by Shailaja Menon and Sandhya Rao

This book examines children's literature over the past four decades and discusses the emergence of new genres and trends.



ALL EYES ON ART

Artists from the National Creative Artist Crew (Kolkata) showcase their artworks at Karna taka Chitrakala Parishath, Seshadripuram | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

CREAM OF BROCCOLI ALMOND SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- **Broccoli:** 1 bowl
- **Almond:** 4
- **Cream:** 2-3 tsp
- **Salt & pepper:** To taste

METHOD

- Steam broccoli and almonds in a steamer for 10 minutes.
- Pour cold water on broccoli to retain colour. In a blender, add broccoli, peeled almonds and cream to make a smooth paste.
- In a pan add butter (optional) and pour the broccoli paste and boil for 2 minutes.
- Add salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with grated cheese/cream before serving.



Contributed By Archana Kiran, Secunderabad

WHATWHENWHYWHERE



Graceful Strokes

Learn to use brush pens to create calligraphy strokes, letters, and quotes in a custom-designed worksheet. Finally, you can go on to create a typography illustration artwork.

WHEN:
March 11, 12pm

WHERE:
StoryZone,
HSR Layout

DETAILS:
bookmyshow.com



Drama Time

Watch the play *Shivoham*, directed by Ganesh Mandarathi, where the narrative is both a mythological and a social drama, intertwining two tales: the tale of Shiva and that of a revolutionary.

WHEN: March 11, 7:30pm

WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar

DETAILS: rangashankara.org

Comedy Night

This comedy show includes both new and seasoned comics dishing out new jokes every week. The line-up includes English and Hindi comics with many years of experience. Organised by Pronoy Chowdhury and Taral Shah, the event promises a night of laughter and good food.

WHEN: March 11, 8:30pm

WHERE: Klayworkz Barista, JP Nagar

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



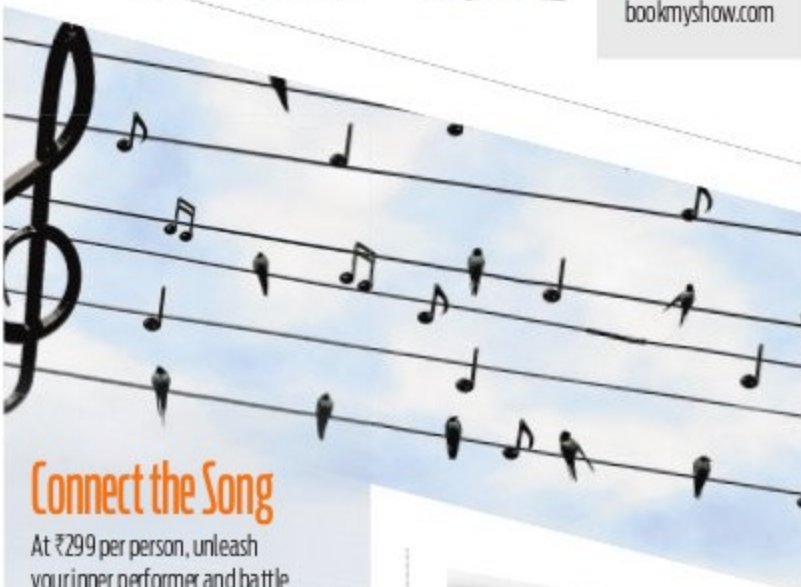
Hustle Hub

Join the Bengaluru Entrepreneurs Meetup, a place to share, learn, and grow. Engage with industry leaders, gain insights from seasoned entrepreneurs, and explore opportunities to collaborate with like-minded individuals.

WHEN: March 11, 6pm

WHERE: MIDAS School of Entrepreneurship, Seshadripuram

DETAILS:
bookmyshow.com



Connect the Song

At ₹299 per person, unleash your inner performer and battle it out with epic antakshari rounds. Connect with other music lovers and make new bonds using songs.

WHEN: March 11, 7pm

WHERE: Casa Karaoke, JP Nagar

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Feet to Feet

Join the Indian Super League's gameweek to watch Bengaluru FC and Mumbai City FC clash. Get your tickets for this exciting football match and cheer for your favourite team.

WHEN: March 11, 7:30pm

WHERE: Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, Nune Gundlupalli

DETAILS: district.in



Paint to De-stress

Learn the Japanese style sumi-e-painting where ink meets creativity. With the knowledge of basic ink handling and essential brush techniques, take home a piece of art made by you.

WHEN: March 11, 3pm

WHERE: Patron of Fine Arts, Kodihalli

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

NOWSTREAMING FITBIT



NADAANIYAN (Hindi)

When a misunderstanding turns her friends against her, lovable rich girl Pia hires Arjun, a career-focused new student, to pretend to be her boyfriend.

Cast: Ibrahim Ali Khan, Khushi Kapoor, Mahima Chaudhry

● **Watch on:** Netflix

FOREIGN

JOKER: FOLIE À DEUX (English)

Struggling with his dual identity, failed comedian Arthur Fleck stumbles upon true love while incarcerated at Arkham State Hospital. Awaiting trial for the murder of five people, Fleck soon discovers the music that's always been inside him.

Cast: Joaquin Phoenix, Lady Gaga, Harry Lawtey

● **Watch on:** JioHotstar



RUNNING POINT (English, series)

A reformed party girl must prove herself as a businesswoman when she's unexpectedly put in charge of her family's pro basketball team.

Cast: Kate Hudson, Brenda Song, Max Greenfield

● **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION	Netflix:	₹ 199/month
	Prime Video:	₹ 299/month
	JioHotstar:	₹ 899/year
	Zee5:	₹ 699/year
	Viki Rakuten:	₹ 299/month
	Aha:	₹ 699/year
	SonyLIV:	₹ 299/month

EXPRESS CONNECT

HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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UPAVISTHA ARDHA UTTANASANA CHAIR (SEATED HALF FORWARD FOLD POSE CHAIR)

This variation supported by a chair, promotes spinal elongation, relieves tension in the lower back, and gently stretches the hamstrings and hips. It helps enhance pelvic stability, improves posture, and reduces strain on the knees and legs, making it ideal for individuals with limited flexibility or mobility. It is often incorporated into sequences focused on gentle stretching, spinal health, and therapeutic practices for seniors or those recovering from injuries.

STEPS

- On a sturdy chair, sit upright with your feet hip-width apart, grounding your feet firmly into the floor, aligning your knees at a 90-degree angle, lengthening the spine and relaxing your shoulders in Chair Mountain Pose.
- Rest your hands gently on the thighs and take a few deep breaths, inhaling through the nose and exhaling completely.
- Inhale, lengthen your body, keeping your spine tall and neutral.
- Exhale, hinge forward from your hips, bringing the torso towards your thighs while maintaining a long spine. Rest your hands lightly on the thighs for support.
- Continue deep breathing, inhale, maintain length in your spine while exhaling fold slightly deeper, avoiding rounding in the back.
- Keep your head in line with the spine, looking downward or slightly forward, holding the pose for several breaths, allowing your body to relax into the stretch. Hold for 8-10 breaths.
- To release, inhale and slowly lift your torso back to the seated Chair Mountain Pose.
- Take a few deep breaths in Three Part Breath Chair before transitioning to your next pose.
- Students may place a blanket or block under their feet for extra support.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the hip flexors, front thighs, knees, abdominal muscles.
- Helps relieve tight hamstrings.
- Stretches the back of the hips, hamstrings, and calves.
- Lengthens the spinal nerves and relieves spinal and hip tightness.
- Strengthens the back of knees.
- Main focus on the midsection stimulates kidneys, liver, and spleen. Helps draw in your belly.
- Reduces stress, anxiety, depression, and fatigue. Improves digestion.
- Eases symptoms of menopause, asthma, headaches, and insomnia.
- Therapeutic for infertility, osteoporosis, and sinusitis.
- Stretches the upper body muscles, nerves, and joints; the unwanted accumulated stress and tension get released.
- Encourages a calm state of mind, thereby inducing better sleep.
- Opens the upper body joints, nerves, and muscles to release stiffness.
- Releases heaviness at the neck and shoulders thereby helping those who travel for long.
- Seniors or those having arthritis and/or osteoporosis can do this alternative method.
- Helps release any aches and pains in the hips, shoulders, neck, or arms.

LIMITATIONS

- Students who have been taking medicines for BP (high or low), pregnant women, those with glaucoma, osteoporosis or scoliosis, lower back injuries or neck injuries, including disc herniation and degenerative spinal pathologies, hyper flexibility or recent surgeries, should avoid this.

- Generally, it is good for IBS, yet precaution should be taken while practising this.

- Placing a cushion for abdomen support is an excellent alternative.



By **NELUMALAI**, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

ARTCORNER



MOMENT OF DEPARTURE

Artist Sudhakar Chippa's artistic practice engages with themes of urbanisation, migration, and environmental transformation

AMID PRAISE & CRITICISM

Renowned actor Sadhu Kokila clarifies his role in BIFFes amidst the controversy

A SHARADHAA

SADHU Kokila, actor, filmmaker, and musician, recently found himself at the centre of controversy surrounding the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes), which concluded recently. The event received both praise and criticism, with Kokila facing allegations of disorganisation, low attendance from the film fraternity, and public criticism from Karnataka Deputy CM, DK Shivakumar.



Known for his humour and candour, he expresses that his love for cinema remains unaffected by the controversy. "Acting in cinema brings happiness. Passion for cinema is different from the challenges of organising an event," he says, adding, "If you take one step ahead, obstacles follow." As the Chairperson of the Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy (KCA), Kokila explains that his involvement in the festival was primarily administrative and that his role was bound by government protocols. "BIFFes is a government-led festival, executed through the Academy. My role was to ensure that processes were followed as per the by-laws, irrespective of which political party was in power," he states.

While some critics believed the focus should have been solely on Kannada films, Kokila highlights that BIFFes aimed to promote global cinema and technical knowledge. "Over 55 films have been released in just two months of 2025. The industry is witnessing an overflow, but quality control is a concern. Audiences seek content-driven films, not just star-driven ones," he explains.

Addressing accusations of financial gain from the festival, he firmly denies the claims, stating, "Not a single rupee comes directly to me. Every expense passes through multiple layers. There is no scope for financial mismanagement."

Regarding DK Shivakumar's criticism, Kokila downplays the situation, explaining, "It was not a personal attack; he only expressed his concerns."

OPEN SPACE

Hrithik Kiran Bagade

News Editor

LIFE, as perceived by the world for us professionals, begins in school, followed by university, before our careers take hold. It's rarely an uneventful journey, with a constant tug-of-war between competition and emotional challenges life throws our way.

In school, there are the age-old battles between homework and playtime, leading up to the ultimate test – final exams. For a child, life is filled with fun, but is also demanding, as the reality of growing up becomes increasingly apparent. In this maze of uncertainty, where even a moment to sit down and casually doodle on a scrap of paper feels like a rare relief, I found comfort in old-school activities... in an activity book!

The activity book, with its white pages filled with black-printed mazes, dot-to-dots, puzzles, and riddles, became my haven. It wasn't just a space for random scribbles; it gave purpose to my pencil. "When will the policeman catch the thief? How can the mouse get to his cheese? What hidden image will emerge from the numbered dots?" The thrill was endless.

From kindergarten onwards, I eagerly worked through countless activity books. There were line drawings to colour, dot-to-dots that revealed hidden pictures when shaded, word-building exercises, and more. These books didn't just entertain; they also nourished the mind, providing a sense of purpose, adventure, and achievement. The time a child might otherwise spend 'wasting' wasn't



ACTIVITIES THAT PUZZLED ME TO JOY

wasted at all. Besides being fun, these books were educational, teaching kids maths, English, art, and science. There were themed books on astronomy, paleontology, and history, offering a creative and hands-on approach to these subjects. I adored them, diving into a new activity whenever I could. As the years went by, more innovative books appeared – some that glowed in the dark or even played music. The joy of experiencing these '90s marvels is something I'll never forget.

Reflecting on how activity books shaped my formative

years, I realised that more advanced versions of these activities became a major part of my routine, later in life. Today, I still preserve this childhood hobby. As I juggle newsroom duties and home life, I make time for one of the many word search books I've collected. Given my editorial work, where I dabble with the intricacies of language daily, word searches provide the perfect mental break. The vertical and horizontal grids filled with jumbled letters, waiting to form words based on various themes, are both simple and complex. This

activity sharpens my eye for detail and improves vocabulary, concentration, and patience.

For me, word search is what crossword puzzles and Sudoku are for others. I recall older people in our neighbourhood spending their afternoons solving crosswords and Sudoku in the newspapers. Their intellectual obsession with these puzzles made them a fixture of daily life, contributing to the popularity of newspapers back in the day.

Another activity that always tested my observation and perseverance was the jigsaw puzzle. Especially the large ones with over a thousand pieces, which, when assembled, reveal a breathtaking image of a city, landscape, or nature. When I was younger, these puzzles were a group effort, taking an entire day or more to complete. Today, I enjoy piecing them together alone, with ambient music for company. When I need a break from jigsaw pieces, I turn to chess pieces. It's not just playing the game on the board, but solving chess problems from books like *Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess* and *Gotham Chess' How to Win at Chess: The Ultimate Guide for Beginners and Beyond*. This ancient game on 64 squares never gets old.

Most of us work between seven and nine hours a day, and between that and rest, we tend to glance at memes, clips, and posts on our phones. I'm no stranger to this habit myself. But when we encounter the fatigue of routine, simple, time-honoured activities that stimulate the mind and improve cognition are the perfect antidote. Above all, they encourage us to pick up a writing instrument again. So, pick up that pencil and take a break!

(The writer's views are personal)

NUGGETS

Restaurant to offer special Holi cookies from March 10

Freshmenu is set to celebrate Holi with special cookies from March 10 to March 25 which can be ordered on online food delivery platforms. Marking the festival of colours, the restaurant will offer a range of festive cookies inspired by traditional Indian flavours along with international trends. Highlights include kesar badam cookies, malai kulfi shortbread, thandai holi cookies, and chocolate-coated gujiya with nuts. Prices start at ₹69.



CHANGE OF NAME

I, SRINIVASAN KADABA SHAMAINGAR, S/o Mr. Kadaba Srinivasan, R/o Flat No. 3044, Sobha Forest View Apartments, Lingadheeranahalli, Off Kanakapura Road, Vajrakhali, Bengaluru-560 109 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHAMAINGAR KADABA SRINIVASAN** to **SRINIVASAN KADABA SHAMAINGAR**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SRINIVASAN KADABA SHAMAINGAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 08.03.2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMAD HUSSAIN .K** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAJESH MAHESHWARI, age 52 years, R/at No. 12, Shree Kunj, 3rd Main, 10th Cross, Basappa Layout, Gavipuram Extension, Bangalore-560 019 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAJESH MAHESHWARI** to **RAJESH MAHESHWARI**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAJESH MAHESHWARI**, vide affidavit dated 07.03.2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.N. MADHU** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, H M PREETHI, aged 41 years, R/at H M Virupakshiah, No. 112, 4th Cross, 1st N Block, Rajajinagar, P.O.: Rajajinagar, Dist: Bengaluru-560 010 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PREETHI RAJESHEKHAR** to **H M PREETHI**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **H M PREETHI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 10th March 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN .K** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHINNAMAYIAH .M.T., W/o Vijaya Kumar .B.K. R/o No. 50, Siriranga, 6th Main, Adithya Nagar, Near Central School, J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, Anjanapura, Bangalore-560 062 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **ARADHYA .C.M** to **CHIRANJEEVI .C.M**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **CHIRANJEEVI .C.M** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 10th March 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, the undersigned ANAND MOHAN S., Aged about 41 years, previously called **MOHAN SILAPARASETTY** (Old name) resident at No. 42, K.V. Layout, Club Road, T.C. Palaya, Anandapura, Bangalore – 560 036, Karnataka State, India, do hereby solemnly declare and state that I have changed my name from **MOHAN SILAPARASETTY** to **ANAND MOHAN S.**, by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public, **Mr. K.B. Sadha Shivappa** on 10.03.2025 for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KHUSTARUNISA is legally wedded spouse of 2759264X EX SEP NADIAMPUR REHEMAN ABDUL AFEZ, residing at 21, 2nd Cross, Giddappa Block, Jockey Garden, Ganganagar, Bangalore-560 032 have changed my name from **KHUSTARUNISA** to **KHUSTARUNISA**, vide affidavit dated: 10.03.2025, before Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ADITI SHETTY, resident of No. 107, Olympus 3 Prestige Acropolis, Koramangala, Bangalore-560 095 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ADITI SHETTY** to **ADITI SHETTY**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **ADITI SHETTY** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 8-3-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. ESWARA REDDY** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MAHADEV PATIL, Father of NO.15331461W, HAV, SURESH M PATIL, Residing at House NO.54, Sadalaga (Vill), Chikodi (TK), Belgaum (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591239, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) **MAHADEV RAMAGODA PATIL** And DOB from 01.07.1956 to 01.01.1958 Vide Affidavit Dated 06.03.2025 Sworn Before Notary GANARAJU B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VINUTHA JAYAKRISHNA, D/o K.V. Jayakrishna, age 49 years, r/at No. Atria 1 D, Tata Aquila Heights, HMT Estate, Jalahalli, Bengaluru-560 013 do hereby declare that my correct name is **VINUTHA JAYAKRISHNA**, but in my passport my name was wrongly mentioned as **VINUTHA SHIVAKUMAR** instead of **VINUTHA JAYAKRISHNA**, vide affidavit dated 10-03-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.S. CHANDRANATH** at Bengaluru.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sapna Mehar w/o Vinod H. #757, 2nd Main, BB Garden Road, KR Mohalla Mysure-570004 Karnataka, I have changed my name **Sapna Mehar** instead of **Sapna Mehar** and my daughter name **Manvi Mehar** instead of **Manvi Mehar** and also my husband's name **Vinod H** instead of **Vinod Mehar** vide affidavit by **N Nagappa**, Notary Date 10.03.2025.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt. KANCHAN KUMARI, W/o Plabon Shome, Aged 33 Years Residing at A/907, Vaishnavi Oasis, Ayappa Nagar, 60 Ft Road, J.P.Nagar 9th phase, Alahalli, PO Anjanapura, Bengaluru-560062 have changed my name from **KANCHAN KUMARI** to **KANCHAN SHOME** vide affidavit dt. 10.03.2025 sworn before Notary K. Ramegowda, Bengaluru.

DECLARATION OF CORRECT NAME

I, Vasantha Sharma D/o Mahalingam Vaidyanathan aged about 64 years resident of #Villa 36, Peninsula Palmvile,Doddathannasandra Road Sarjapura, Bangalore, Karnataka-562125 India, hereby giving a public notice vide affidavit dated 06-03-2025 sworn before notary K.Velayudham, Bengaluru that my correct name is **VASANTHI SHARMA** which is written erroneously in my Aadhar as **VASANTHI**, which omits my surname.

AFFIDAVIT

I, ANUJ PATEL S/o Mr. NIKHIL KUMAR PATEL aged about 27 years, residing at Flat No.1204, B-Wing, T-2, Godrej Woodsman Estate, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, state that in my Aadhar Card, Pan Card and School, College, Bank Records my Name is Registered as **ANUJ PATEL**. However in my Passport No. M4725305 name is described as **ANUJ NIKHIL PATEL**.Henceforth in future for all purposes I will use my Name as **ANUJ PATEL**. I state and declare that both the names refer to one and the same person and sworn to an affidavit dated 04-03-2025 before Advocate & Notary **M. S. SATISH**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SHIVAPPA MALAGIHAL S/o Desayappa, Residing at No.37 Ground Floor, 4th Cross 2nd Main Hosapalya Bangalore 560068, have changed my Name from (OLD NAME) **SHIVAPPA MALAGIHAL** to (NEW NAME) **SHIVAPPA DESAYAPPA MALAGIHAL** vide affidavit dated 08.03.2025 sworn before Notary K.C. Shashikala., Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Smt. GANAKASHAMMA, aged about 64 years, W/o Late Shri Gangappa BH, residing at Lakshmi Nivasa, Lakshmi Layout, Binmanagala, Nelamanagala Taluk, Bangalore-562123, do hereby declare that the variations i.e. **SHRI GANGAPPA BH S/o, HANUMANTHAIAH, SHRI GANGAPPA BH S/o, HANUMANTHAIAH, SHRI BH GANGAPPA S/o, HANUMANTHAIAH**, refers to the same individual. I have husband **Shri BH GANGAPPA S/o** whose Aadhar card number was 59216495773, vide affidavit dated 10.03.2025, sworn to before C. Venkataswamy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, MAGANLAL G PATEL, Aged about 59 years, S/o. Gopal Ramji Patel, Residing at No. 751/16, 6th Main, 7th Cross, Gramatana Pillappa Block, Ganganagar, Bengaluru North, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560 032, do hereby declare that, **MAGANLAL G. PATEL, MAGANLAL and GOPAL PATEL** MAGANLAL all three names are my names one and the same person i.e., my original name as **MAGANLAL G PATEL** vide affidavit dated 22.2.2025 sworn to before G.B. Turamari, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, UMESH DEVENDRAPPA LAMANI, S/o. Devendrappa, and residing at Kajjari Ranebenur Haveri-581115, Karnataka, do hereby declare I have changed my name from **UMESH LAMANI** to **UMESH DEVENDRAPPA LAMANI**, vide affidavit dated 07.03.2025, sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MUSARATH BEGUM, W/o. Ghous Ahmed Abdul Jaleel and residing at No. 17, 1st Cross, Muniswamy Layout, Hidayath Nagar, K. G Halli, Bangalore-560045, do hereby declare I have changed my name from **MUSARATH BEGUM** to **MUSARATH BEGUM**, vide affidavit dated 07.03.2025, sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SADHVI RAMYA PRABHA, D/o. Sunder Lal Bothara, aged about 37 years, residing Jain Vishva Bharati Institute Ladnun, now at Bangalore South, Bangalore-560001, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAJINI KUMARI BOTHRA** to **SADHVI RAMYA PRABHA**, vide affidavit dated 01.03.2025, sworn to before Jain Swarnamala, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VANDANAA JAIN, D/o Moolchand Nahar, residing at # OB 1401, Olive tower, Park west, Shapoorji Pallonji, Binnyfields, Binnypet, Bangalore - 560 023, I have changed my name from **VANDANAA NAHAR**, to **VANDANAA JAIN**, D/o MOOLCHAND NAHAR, vide affidavit dated 06.03.2025, sworn to before Jain Swarnamala, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAMEER AHMED (New Name), S/o. Alexander, residing at No. 703, 30th A Cross, Jayanagar 4th B Block, Bangalore-560041, Karnataka, India, declare that I have changed my name from **SAMEER A. (Old Name)** to **SAMEER AHMED** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **SAMEER AHMED** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 08/03/2025, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN. K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

As per order dated: 13/2/2025 in O S No 3558/2024 on the file of 5th Adh city civil judge Bangalore, the mother name of Kumari Jhansi S has been changed as "SHIVAMMA .R" in place of Suma for the benifit of minor testimonies and for her educational purpose.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SRI. MURUGESH, S/o. Devraj, Aged about 38 years, R/at-No.17, Near Yellamma Temple, Doddagubbi Post, Bileshivale, Bengaluru-560077. I have changed my minor son name from "M.PREETHAM" to "PAVAN.M." hereafter in all school records, other records, deeds, instruments etc. in writing and in all actions and proceedings and in all dealings and transactions and upon all occasions whatsoever use and sign the name of "PAVAN.M." only. Vide affidavit dated 07.03.2025, sworn to before Notary, K.V.Bachiredy.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SRI. MURUGESH, S/o. Devraj, Aged about 38 years, R/at-No.17, Near Yellamma Temple, Doddagubbi Post, Bileshivale, Bengaluru-560077. I have changed my minor Daughter name from "M.PREETHI" to "BAVISHA .M." hereafter in all school records, other records, deeds, instruments etc. in writing and in all actions and proceedings and in all dealings and transactions and upon all occasions whatsoever use and sign the name of "BAVISHA .M." only. Vide affidavit dated 07.03.2025, sworn to before Notary, K.V.Bachiredy.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAN KUMAR KONDAPPAN RAJENDRAN, Residing at No. 292, 3rd Cross 2nd Block RMV Extension 2nd Stage Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru -560094, declare that I have Changed My Minor Daughter Name From **TANUSUREE MOHAN KUMAR (Old Name)** to **TANUSUREE RAJENDRAN MOHAN KUMAR (New Name)** Vide affidavit Dated 08/03/2025, Sworn before Notary N K Lakshmana, Bangalore. Henceforth She Shall be Known as **TANUSUREE RAJENDRAN MOHAN KUMAR** in all her Future Documents.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAN KUMAR RAJENDRAN S/o RAJENDRAN KONDAPPAN aged 43 Years Residing at No.292,3rd Cross 2nd Block RMV Extension 2nd Stage Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru-560094. Declare that I have Changed My Name From **MOHAN KUMAR RAJENDRAN (Old Name)** to **MOHAN KUMAR KONDAPPAN RAJENDRAN (New Name)** Vide, Affidavit dated 08/03/2025 Sworn before Notary N K Lakshmana, Bangalore. Henceforth I Shall be Known as **MOHAN KUMAR KONDAPPAN RAJENDRAN**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) HOUSHAKKA, Mother of NO.15331461W, HAV, SURESH M PATIL, Residing at House NO.54, Sadalaga (Vill), Chikodi (TK), Belgaum (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591239, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) **HOUSHAKKA MAHADEV PATIL** And DOB from 01.07.1959 to 01.01.1968 Vide Affidavit Dated 06.03.2025 Sworn Before Notary GANARAJU B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MADEVAPPA, Father of NO.16136107X, SPR, GURUNATH NAVI, Residing at Ramanagara (Vill & Post), Ramanagara (Tehsil & Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 562159, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) **MAHADEVAPPA MAHAMALLAPPA HADAPAD** Vide Affidavit Dated 07.03.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO.15330331F, NK, KARANAM NVS NARAYANA, Residing at House NO.1-35-11/7, Tuni (Vill, Post & Taluk), East Godavari (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 533401, Have Changed My SON (OLD NAME) **K SIVA RAM DURGA MAHIDHAR** to (NEW NAME) **KARANAM SIVA RAM DURGA MAHIDHAR** Vide Affidavit Dated 07.03.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) LAXMIBAI, Mother of NO.16136107X, SPR, GURUNATH NAVI, Residing at Ramanagara (Vill & Post), Ramanagara (Tehsil & Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 562159, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) **LAKSHMIBAI MADEVAPPA HADAPAD** Vide Affidavit Dated 07.03.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SHANTHI, Mother of NO.16123888X, LHAY, SAKTHIVEL S, Residing at Door NO.756, Kollaimedu, Jothinagar (Vill), Athuvambadi (Post), Polur (TK), Thiruvannamalai (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 606907, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) **SANTHI S** And DOB from 18.03.1968 to 05.05.1978 Vide Affidavit Dated 07.03.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) HOUSHAKKA, Mother of NO.15331461W, HAV, SURESH M PATIL, Residing at House NO.54, Sadalaga (Vill), Chikodi (TK), Belgaum (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591239, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) **HOUSHAKKA MAHADEV PATIL** And DOB from 01.07.1959 to 01.01.1968 Vide Affidavit Dated 06.03.2025 Sworn Before Notary GANARAJU B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO.JC-315081F, NB SUB, B MUTHURAJA, Residing at North Street, Irumbadi (Vill & Post), Vadipatti (TK), Madurai (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 625205, Have Changed My SON (OLD NAME) **MUTHAIAH MANOHARAN** to (NEW NAME) **MUTHAIAH MANOHARAN M** Vide Affidavit Dated 05.03.2025 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ms. Soumya, W/o Subramanya Hegde, aged 26 years, R/at No.31/A, Shree, 5th 'B' Cross, 1st Main Road, Near NMH School, Siddeshwara Lay-out, Sidedahalli, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru - 560073, have changed my name from **Soumya to Soumya Hegde**, vide affidavit dated 10/3/2025 sworn to before H.H.Nagaraj Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DIVYA LAKSHMANA NAIK, aged 41 years, W/o. Lakshmana NAIK, Resident of No.744, 2nd 'A' Main, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bengaluru -560043, have changed my name to **DIVYA RAGHAVA NAIK** Vide affidavit dated: 10.03.2025 before notary B.R. SHASHIKALA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RICHIA RAMESH PAREKH, aged 34 years, W/o. Pankaj Kumar, Resident of No. 10/1, Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, Parasmani S Annex, 1st Cross, Shankar Mutt Road, Near Rangadore Memorial Hospital, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004, have changed my name to **RICHIA** Vide affidavit dated: 10.03.2025 before notary B.R. SHASHIKALA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RIZWAN PASHA, S/o. Riyaz Pasha age about 26 years, Residing at No. 13, 1st Cross Modern Layout Joseph Garden D J Halli, Bangalore - 560045. have changed my name to **RIZWAN PASHA R** vide affidavit dated: 10.03.2025 before advocate and notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHREENIDHI D/o. Sajeevan C V, R/a 29, Krishna Krupa, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Byraveshwara Layout Hennur Bhande, Bangalore - 560043, have changed my name from **SHREENIDHI SAJEEVAN** to **SHREENIDHI** vide affidavit dated:06.03.2025 sworn before Advocate & Notary G B Turamari, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, HOMICA VIDYOTTAM ARYA resident of Flat No 16143, Prestige Ferns Residency, Haralur Main Road, Bangalore, 560102, Karnataka, have changed my name to **HOMICA ARYA SARASWAT** vide affidavit dated: 10.03.2025 before advocate and notary B.M Chandrasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MANJESH KUMAR, R/at No. 74, Nihira , Near Lagana Mandira, Gadikoppa, Shimoga – 577204 have changed my name to **KOTTAPALLI MANJESH KUMAR** vide affidavit dated: 10/3/2025 Before Notary K.V.Mani Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NARASHIMHAIAH KAMBAIAH S/o Kambaiah R/at No.145 Malleshwara Temple Road Jpouur Ramanagar Town Ramanagar Dist-562159 have changed my name to **NARASIMHAIAH KAMBAIAH** vide affidavit dated: 10/3/2025 Before Notary GEETHA B RAMANAGAR

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAGHUVEERA REDDY S/o Mahesh Channappa Ramakrishna Reddy R/at No.158/1 Reddygeri M G Road Cross, Channappatna Town Ramanagar Dist- 562160 have changed my name to

SHIVARAJKUMAR INTRODUCED ME TO A BEAUTIFUL SOUL – PUNEETH RAJKUMAR: PURI JAGANNADH



The director recalls how his Kannada directorial debut, *Appu*, came by ahead of the film's rerelease on March 14

CE FEATURES

As a tribute to the late Puneeth Rajkumar, his debut film *Appu* is set to be re-released in theatres on March 14 to commemorate his 50th birth anniversary. Film-maker Puri Jagannadh, who made his Kannada debut with *Appu*, fondly recalled how the project came to life. "I should thank Shivanna because *Appu* happened with Puneeth Rajkumar because of him," he said, acknowledging Puneeth's elder brother, Shiva Rajkumar.

The re-release is being orchestrated on a grand scale by Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar's PRK Productions, in collaboration with Jagadeesh Films. This special screening will offer fans an opportunity to relive Puneeth Rajkumar's unforgettable performance and celebrate his enduring legacy.

In a heartfelt video message, Puri Jagannadh reminisced about his association with the Rajkumar family. "Shivanna introduced me to the great Dr. Rajkumar and Parvathamma Rajkumar, and that's how I met the beautiful soul that was Puneeth Rajkumar," he shared. "Puneeth was multi-talented and will always remain a gem of Kannada cinema. His dedication to social causes will be remembered forever." With *Appu* returning to theatres, Puri urged audiences to revisit the film and celebrate the life and career of a remarkable artist who left an indelible mark on the industry and in the hearts of many.

Originally released on April 26, 2002, *Appu* was produced by Parvathamma Rajkumar under the Poornima Enterprises banner. The film also marked the silver-screen debut of actor Rakshita. Its soundtrack, composed by Gurukiran, became a sensation, with the hit song 'Taliban Alla Alla'—sung by Puneeth Rajkumar himself—and penned by actor-director Upendra—remaining popular to this day.



Megha Shetty to make her Tamil debut with *Kaalaiyan*

A SHARADHAA

MEGHA SHETTY, who was last seen in *Kaiva*, is now all set to make her Tamil film debut. After gaining recognition in the Kannada industry, Megha Shetty, who reveals that she is familiar with Tamil, Telugu, and even a little Malayalam, has been looking to broaden her career and take on more diverse roles.



The film, titled *Kaalaiyan*, is written and directed by debutant M Guru and produced by Dharamaraj Veluchamy under Zambara Entertainment. Megha Shetty is enthusiastic about the project, calling it more than just another debut. "This is a big break for me. I get to work with some of the finest actors in the industry, like Satharaj, Sasikumar, and Bharath," she shares. "It's not just about the debut; it's about the strong characters in the story that

have attracted such fine artists. The team is fantastic, and it also marks the debut of the director, which makes it all the more special. This is a village-based family drama, a unique script that I'm really excited about." The actor commenced shooting her portions on Monday.

The actor, who became a household name with the serial *Jotheyalli* and has made her mark in Kannada cinema, expresses how important it is for her to explore different projects. "After making a mark in Kannada, I was on the lookout for some good, content-based projects, but it took time to find the right one. I'm glad it's starting on such a positive note in Tamil," she says.

Aside from *Kaalaiyan*, Megha Shetty is currently juggling multiple projects. She is working on *Gramayana*, starring Vinay Rajkumar, and *Cheetah*, featuring Prajwal Devaraj. Moreover, Megha Shetty is excited for the release of *Operation London Cafe*, a film she describes as another exciting venture. "I'm also in discussions for a couple of projects in Kannada and Telugu. A few more announcements will come soon," she adds.

As Megha Shetty continues to balance multiple projects, she is determined to keep her momentum going. "I'm eager to see where this journey takes me," she concludes.

The actor discusses her upcoming film, *Wild Tiger Safari*, directed by Chandramouli and featuring Shithil Poojari in his debut as the male lead



At the muhurat of *Wild Tiger Safari*

CE FEATURES

NIMIKA RATNAKAR, who rose to fame with the hit song 'Shake It Pushpavati' from *Kranti*, is excited to be juggling multiple projects. While she already has *Trishoolam*, *Phoenix*, and *Flirt* at various stages of production, she is now set to play the lead in an upcoming action-packed film titled *Wild Tiger Safari*.

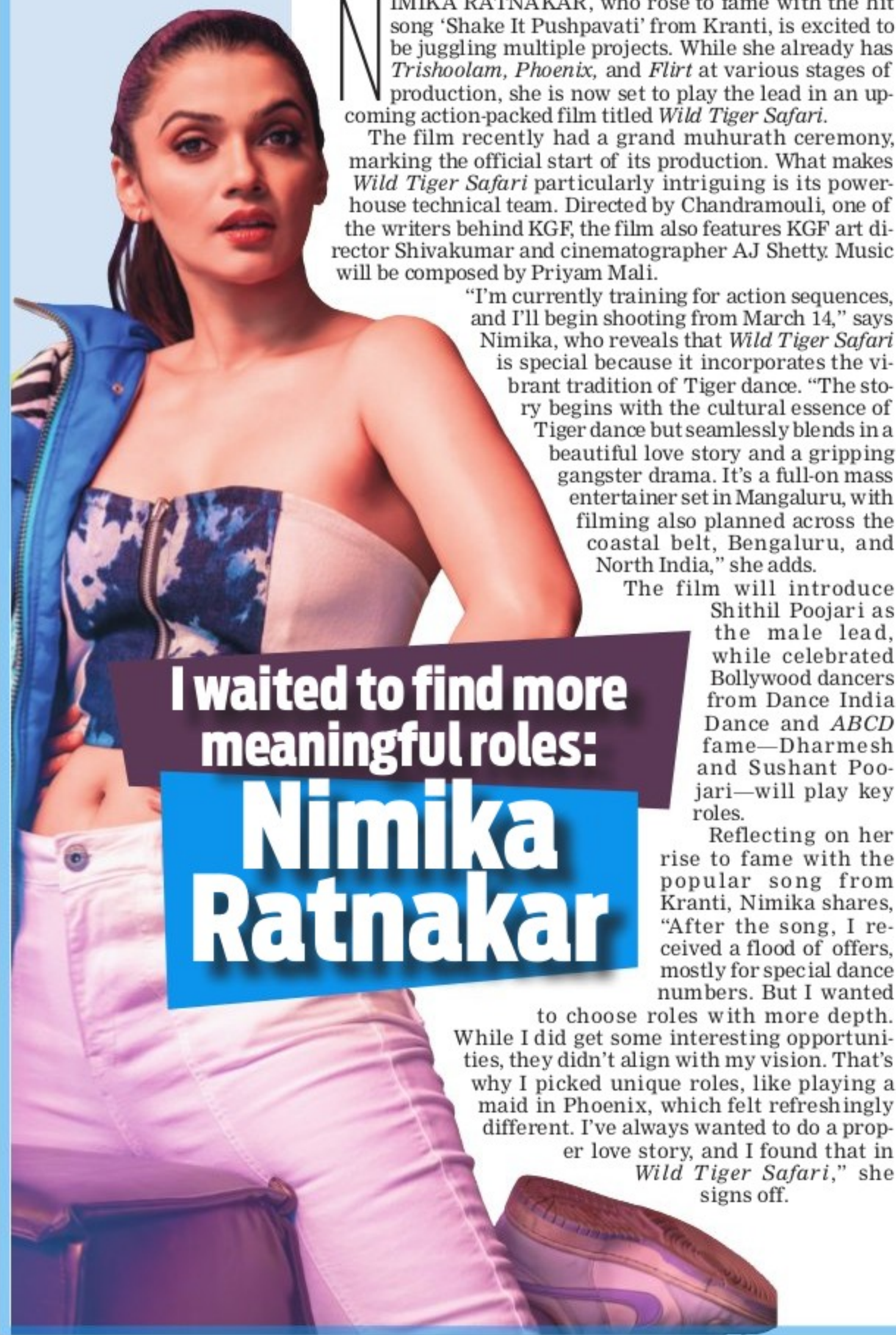
The film recently had a grand muhurat ceremony, marking the official start of its production. What makes *Wild Tiger Safari* particularly intriguing is its powerhouse technical team. Directed by Chandramouli, one of the writers behind *KGF*, the film also features KGF art director Shivakumar and cinematographer AJ Shetty. Music will be composed by Priyam Mali.

"I'm currently training for action sequences, and I'll begin shooting from March 14," says Nimika, who reveals that *Wild Tiger Safari* is special because it incorporates the vibrant tradition of Tiger dance. "The story begins with the cultural essence of Tiger dance but seamlessly blends in a beautiful love story and a gripping gangster drama. It's a full-on mass entertainer set in Mangaluru, with filming also planned across the coastal belt, Bengaluru, and North India," she adds.

The film will introduce Shithil Poojari as the male lead, while celebrated Bollywood dancers from *Dance India Dance* and *ABCD* fame—Dharmesh and Sushant Poojari—will play key roles.

Reflecting on her rise to fame with the popular song from *Kranti*, Nimika shares, "After the song, I received a flood of offers, mostly for special dance numbers. But I wanted

to choose roles with more depth. While I did get some interesting opportunities, they didn't align with my vision. That's why I picked unique roles, like playing a maid in *Phoenix*, which felt refreshingly different. I've always wanted to do a proper love story, and I found that in *Wild Tiger Safari*," she signs off.



I waited to find more meaningful roles: Nimika Ratnakar

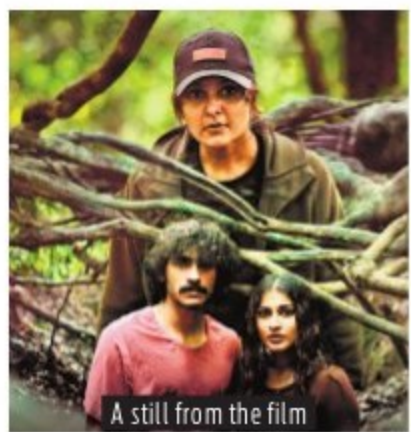
Anurag Kashyap talks about the recent stream of re-releases, if Hindi film industry is running out of ideas, risk-aversion by OTTs, and his thoughts on a sequel to *No Smoking*

'ALGORITHMS DICTATE WHAT MOVIES ARE MADE TODAY'

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

FILMMAKER Anurag Kashyap, who recently announced that he is moving to the South, is tight-lipped about the exact location. "I won't tell. Don't want people to hover around my house," he says with a smile. The reasons for his shift are the same as before: disillusionment with the Hindi film industry, risk-averse producers, OTTs's relying on algorithms to make content and everybody trying to chase a "hit". The director says, "Here nothing starts before a star is on-board."

Anurag's southward shift has been marked by acclaimed performances in films like *Maharaja* (Tamil) and *Rifle Club* (Malayalam). He is also presenting the Kannada film *Vagachipani*



(*Tiger's Pond*) and the Tamil coming-of-age film *Bad Girl*. More acting projects include the Telugu-Hindi *Dacoit: A Love Story*, in which he plays a cop, and *Delulu* (Malayalam). We meet him on the sidelines of the release of the Hindi dub of the Malayalam thriller *Footage* (2024), which he is presenting. The Hindi version is coming six months after its original run and the director is confident about its reception. "*Footage*'s original release was affected by the Hema Committee report coming out. People were avoiding going to theatres at that time. I hope the Hindi version does well," he says.

In this free-wheeling conversation, Anurag talks about what content Gen Z is consuming today, his take on re-

lease culture, why OTT platforms are closed to new ideas and what he thinks about a sequel to *No Smoking* (2007).

Excerpts:

■ You have been doing a lot of acting roles in South Indian films, are you looking at writing and directing too? There is a Malayalam-Hindi film I am working on. I am also in talks to do a Tamil film.

■ You have been a Bombay boy all your life, acting is one thing but to create stories rooted in an area, you need to know the nuances of the place... I have lived extensively in the South from 1995 to 2001. Ram Gopal Varma's office was in Chennai. Between Hyderabad and Chennai, I worked with directors like him, Shankar, and Mani Ratnam. I have actually seen more South Indian cinema than Hindi.

■ What do you think Gen Z is preferring to watch these days? I don't think today's audiences are interested in today's films. They are content with watching old movies. Gen Z has seen so many films from around the world that there is nothing new

a Hindi film can offer them. They are watching more Korean films and more Anime.

■ What is happening with the release of *Kennedy*? It is stuck with the studio. They have actually gone bankrupt and don't have the money to release the film. We are trying to figure out other avenues.

■ A lot of re-releases are happening recently. One way, it is good for films which didn't get their due at the time of their original release to find new takers, but it can also signal that Bollywood has run out of new ideas... It's not like we don't have new stories. There are creative people still around but the support system for them has vanished. Every producer now wants to make a hit film. They are all scared. They don't take risks. Now, before the release of any movie, they have to lock its OTT

release, they have to ensure its cost recovery. By then it's not a film anymore, it's a project. Today, films are not being produced by people who are passionate about filmmaking but by employees who are only trying to save their jobs.

■ Are OTT platforms the problem? The problem is that they are closed to new ideas. They only want to increase their subscriber base. Moreover, now everything is based on algorithms. Data is dictating which films to make. Hence, nothing new is being made.

■ Lately, there has been an increased number of conversations about 'content is king' and 'writers should be empowered'. Is any change happening on the ground? Not at all. A writer is the first 'investor' into a script and he is not paid till a star comes on board. If you really want to empower writers, pay them first.

■ Will you ever make a sequel to any of your films? John (Abraham) has been mentioning in various interviews how he has brought up the idea of *No Smoking 2* with you. If somebody comes up with a nice concept, a film in that Kafkaesque zone can be made. I am not going to make a sequel to a film just because it has gained a cult reputation.

■ Do you feel like the Hindi-film seeing audience has not been nurtured as a film-appreciating audience? Yes, and the problem is on multiple levels. Hindi films are being made in Mumbai. However, the audience of these films are in areas like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Jharkhand yet, they have the lowest number of cinema halls. So, makers don't sell their films in these states and that audience has now started consuming Telugu movies.

